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## UNION GOVERNMENT MAJORITY SHRINKS TO 5 ON DIVISION

### TAKE FIRST STEP TOWARD BREAKING FREIGHT BLOCKADE

Interstate Commission Orders Inspectors to Get Data at Critical Points.

### APPEALS SENT OUT

Washington, May 17.—The interstate commerce commission took its first step today toward breaking the freight blockade.

Telegraphic appeals were sent to all state railway and public service commissions, urging them to join hands with the government in lifting the burden, while the commission's force of inspectors was put to work to help get accurate data respecting conditions at critical points. Practically all of the several hundred inspectors were assigned to aid in surveying traffic conditions at important gateways, where the flow of freight traffic was checked. The commission also expected to be fully informed of the terminal situation at all cities by tomorrow night.

In its first attempt at freeing the maze of rail equipment, the commission probably will deal with local situations in the various cities through individual roads. This was expected, but, however, only until a general scheme can be worked out by which priorities and embargoes can be employed to remain on the unobstructed stream of commodities waiting at every station.

Further suggestions of the railroads were given the commission at conferences with representatives of the railroads and shippers' organization officials. The fuel situation has slowly developed to the danger point, representatives said, and they proposed that the commission establish a general, altho temporary order, for the movement of grain and western coal counter-movement of coal cars eastward.

**Keeping in Close Touch.**  
The commission, in a statement, said it was keeping in constant touch with every phase of the situation through its own representatives and in co-operation with the government.

The American railroad association's car service committee has turned over to the commission its figures on the car supply in order to develop the actual condition in all localities.

"In the last few days," the statement continued, "complaints and requests for assistance have been received from shipping interests throughout the country, by letter, by telegraph, through members of congress and by personal appeal. These have been handled immediately with the exception of many instances the inspectors of the commission have been employed upon the ground to help break the jam at congested points."

"Many requests have been received for information as to whether the commission contemplates hearings upon the application filed by numerous important railroads last Saturday, asking the commission to exercise its emergency powers under the transportation act."



HONORING THE HOCKEY CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD  
The picture shows the ceremony on the steps of the city hall yesterday when P. J. Mulqueen, president of the Sportsman's Patriotic Association, presented each member of the victorious Falcon hockey team of Winnipeg, just back from Antwerp, with a gold-headed cane. The players are standing behind Mr. Mulqueen and Mayor Church.

### BRITAIN RESERVES CONTROL OF OIL WITHIN THE EMPIRE

Government Aid to Be Given to Developing Supplies in Other Countries.

### ALIENS EXCLUDED

Washington, May 17.—Exclusion of aliens from control of oil resources within the empire, Government aid in developing new supplies in other countries and restrictions against disposal of oil stocks now held by British nationals are outstanding features of Great Britain's petroleum policy, the senate was informed today by President Wilson.

The information, given in the form of a special report from the State Department, was in answer to a senate resolution asking what disabilities attached to American participation in petroleum resources of the world, the report added, also contemplated financial and technical aid to pioneer companies.

The senate resolution, introduced by Senator Gore, Democrat, Oklahoma, (Continued on Page 2, Column 2).

### NINETEEN MILLION DOLLARS IN OTTAWA'S ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

Nearly Nine Million Dollars Provided For Outside Service of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

Ottawa, May 17.—(Canadian Press.)—Supplementary estimates to cover expenditures made during the last fiscal year, were tabled in the house of commons today by Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance. They total \$19,051,199, and include a vote of \$8,993,867 for soldiers' civil re-establishment (outside service), \$400,000 for reconstruction of the Port of Toronto elevator, \$392,000 for restoration of the parliament buildings, \$4,550,000 for arts and agriculture, \$65,120 for penitentiaries, and \$159,640 for charges of management. There is also a vote of \$600,000 for salaries and contingent expense of the pensions' board.

### BRITAIN RUSHES TROOPS TO IRELAND TO ASSIST POLICE

Large Force Arrives in Londonderry and Keeps Crowds From Disturbed Areas.

### 2000 LAND IN CORK

Londonderry, May 17.—A large force of troops arrived Monday evening in Londonderry, says a despatch to The Daily Mail. The disturbed areas of the city are well cordoned, and crowds are not allowed to assemble. The despatch adds that the magistrates have decided to proclaim a state of martial law.

Two thousand troops from England were landed at Bantry on Saturday and immediately distributed through West Cork, where they will be stationed at points five miles apart. Troops to the number of 150 also arrived at Skibbereen. They commanded several buildings there, including the town hall, which was made their headquarters.

General Sir Cecil F. N. Macreary, military commander of Ireland, addressing a parade of the Royal Irish Constabulary and the city of Dublin police at Dublin on Monday, eulogized their services and courage, and held out a prospect of a despatch to The London Times from Dublin, "everything that it is possible for the military to do to assist the police shall and will be done."

The burning of police barracks are really acts of war, and that, therefore, the taxpayers ought not to be held responsible, but any compensation awarded for damages should be provided for by parliament, was the kernel of a resolution passed Monday night by the county Clare executive committee of the Farmers' Union, a non-political organization.

The resolution pleaded as a precedent parliamentary grants for the repair of damages in Dublin in 1916. The despatch to The Times says it probably will be supported by public bodies of all shades of opinion throughout the country.

The claims for compensation have reached a huge total, but, says the despatch, there is little likelihood that the local authorities will be able to pay them.

**More Barracks Destroyed.**  
Dublin, May 17.—Two police barracks in Limerick and one in Devonshire were destroyed today. Another barracks in Meath was damaged.

The police barracks in Carmanstown, a village of County Meath, near Balbrigan, were attacked and burned Sunday morning.

Sir John Taylor, under secretary in the Irish administration, who, it was reported last month would resign, has returned to Dublin and resumed his duties.

**Again Riot in Londonderry.**  
Londonderry, May 17.—Londonderry, after two nights of rioting, was again the scene of riotous demonstrations today. The city was in a state of high tension and hundreds of men remained away from their work, walking about the streets, where many individual encounters occurred between Sinn Feiners and the police. There was stone-throwing by the crowds to some extent, and one Sinn Feiner, the police reported, fired at two Unionist ex-soldiers, but missed their mark.

Hundreds of the military, with machine-guns, were ordered to the usual danger point, between Bridge and Fountain streets.

### WANT COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH TROUBLES OF THE HYDRO; OPPOSITION BY CONSERVATIVES

**Labor Group in Legislature Ask for Nine Members of House to Consider Grievance of Electric Power Plant Workers at Niagara Falls—Premier and Liberal Leader Secure Delay for Further Consideration.**

The threatened tie-up of the work of the Chippawa power development scheme was discussed in the legislature yesterday afternoon when the leaders of the labor group in the house told of the seriousness of conditions and the effects of a strike. Three of them—S. F. Swayze (Niagara Falls), M. M. MacBride (Brant South) and F. H. Greenlaw (St. Catharines)—on their own initiative called a public meeting Sunday at Niagara Falls and were successful in urging the men not to go out on strike until they (the members) had an opportunity of bringing the matter up in the legislature.

Backed by Hon. W. R. Rolfe, minister of labor, Mr. Swayze and Mr. MacBride sought the appointment of a commission of nine members of the legislature to inquire into the trouble. The government, backed by the Liberal leader, Hartley Dewar, while neither objecting nor consenting to the proposal wanted a little further time for consideration. Those members of the Conservative group who spoke, however, came out flat-footed against the appointment of a commission of the house, but urged that the matter be left in the hands of the Hydro commissioners.

The upshot of the whole discussion was the adoption of the suggestion to allow the matter to be left open until today.

C. P. Swayze (Niagara Falls) was the first speaker. It was he who called the public meeting at Niagara Falls on Sunday night, when the men were asked not to strike. With the understanding that the matter would be brought up in the legislature, they agreed to remain at work for an indefinite period. In pursuance of this promise, Mr. Swayze moved, seconded by M. M. MacBride (Labor, Brant) that, in view of the trouble at the Falls, the lieutenant-governor be requested to appoint a commission of nine members of the legislature, who would sit during the recess and inquire into the whole trouble. They would be asked to report their findings and recommendations as early as possible.

**Settle Before a Strike.**  
M. M. MacBride said it was better to try and reach a settlement before and not after the men had gone out on strike. At present, there was a great shortage of power—throughout the province.

### OUTLOOK IS BAD AT HYDRO WORKS

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 17.—Reports coming in from the Hydro works are very pessimistic apparently. Many laborers have quit and work is disorganized practically all over the job. Many men have been laid off by the commission. They include engineers, mechanics, steam shovel men and all the repair gang. About 150 are said to have been laid off. There has been a large number of foreign laborers in the city today, and they have been drawing their money out of the banks. Federation officials profess to fear that an attempt is being made to discredit their organizations. Unconfirmed reports that the Hydro will quit in the middle of the week are also the cause of much unrest. Local people frankly admit the situation is bad.

### UNIONIST LEAD CUT TO FIVE IN CLASH WITH OPPOSITION REGARDING AMBASSADORSHIP

BORDEN AT THE HELM

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special.)—The house of commons went up quite a period today by the discussion of the appointment of a Canadian plenipotentiary at Washington. Perhaps more important to the Canadian people for the moment was the actual participation in the debate of Sir Robert Borden as leader of his party and of the government, and that in such a way as to set at rest reports that any change in the office of prime minister was impending.

Mackenzie King also roused his followers by his vigorous reply to Sir Robert Borden. But the debate lacked high quality because it avoided recognition that the making of a plenipotentiary at Washington was more or less trifling with the tie between the empire and the dominions, or leading Canada into an imperial confederation.

The budget speech is set for Tuesday. The best guess is that quite a number of increases in the tax will be made with a scaling down of the tariff in a few cases.

### STOCK DIVIDEND ONLY ONE HUNDRED PER CENT.

Cotton Milling Down in Alabama is Not Exactly a Starving Industry.

Boston, May 17.—Declaration of a stock dividend of 100 per cent, by the Dought Manufacturing Co., which has cotton mills at Chicopee and Alabama City, Ala., was recommended to stockholders by the directors of the company today. It was voted also to recommend that the par value of the stock be changed from \$500 to \$1000 with an exchange of five new shares for one of the old, and to increase the authorized capital from \$1,800,000 to \$6,000,000. The stockholders will meet at a special meeting called for May 26.

### SHIPPED WAR MATERIALS BELONG TO POLAND

London, May 17.—A question concerning war materials which are being shipped from England to Poland was raised in the house of commons today. Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman, said that despatch to the supplies purchased by Poland last year and that they were being shipped by the Poles because they are the property of the Polish government.

Mr. Bonar Law added that Great Britain had sold Poland some surplus stores last October and that it would have been a breach of faith on the part of Great Britain if the despatch of ammunition had been prevented. He declared that no assistance, financial or otherwise, was being given Poland.

### UNION GOVERNMENT HAS A PLATFORM

Loughheed Announces It Will Be Made Public at an Early Date.

Calgary, Alta., May 17.—"The Union government has a platform and now that the prime minister, Sir Robert Borden, has returned to Ottawa, that platform will be announced at an early date," declared Sir James Loughheed, federal senator from Alberta, to The Canadian Press Monday morning.

Sir James made the foregoing statement in reply to a question as to what were the prospects of the Union government continuing its career as a party.

Sir James further said that the announcement of the platform "will be followed, it is hoped, by an effective political organization."

When asked what would be the attitude of this Unionist campaign organization towards present political organizations, Sir James replied: "The Union government should have, and will, doubtless have, a thorough understanding with the organization that returned it in 1918. That organization was a fusion of Liberal-Conservative organization with the Liberal-Unionists, who, at that time, joined it, and the large percentage of whom are its supporters now."

### BUSH FIRES ARE RAGING IN CENTRAL ONTARIO

Peterboro, May 17.—Bush fires are raging in Cavendish township, thirty miles north of Peterboro. A cut-over party, acre ranch belonging to J. G. Jopling, this city, has been swept by fire and thirty-five head of cattle are missing. Several other bush fires in the north country are reported. Rain is badly needed in this district.

### GERMANY AND AUSTRIA SELLING MORE IN CANADA

Ottawa, May 17.—(By Canadian Press.)—The total amount of imports from Germany and Austria during 1919 was less than a quarter of the total amount of these imports during the first three months of 1920. During the year 1919, goods to the value of \$14,041 were imported from Germany, and to the value of \$779 from Austria. During the first three months of 1920, Canada imported goods to the value of \$59,223 from Germany, and to the value of \$49,944 from Austria.

### PRICE OF FOOD SOARS IN ENGLAND

Official Announcement That It is 146 Per Cent. Above Pre-War Level.

London, May 17.—The cost of food up to May 17 has risen to 146 per cent above the pre-war level, and there is a prospect of its going still higher, says Charles A. McCurdy, minister of food, in an official statement issued tonight.

Mr. McCurdy, however, points out that the price of food in England is still lower than in France, Italy and Sweden, and says it is not much higher than in the United States.

The Labor Gazette estimates that the cost of living, including food, clothing, fuel, light and rent, is now 141 per cent over that before the war.

### DINEEN'S SPECIAL HAT SALE CONTINUES.

Don't forget the races start on Saturday, and if you purpose going it would almost be improper to attend without a hat of the latest style. The Dineen Co. are running a special hat sale until Thursday, offering their stock at exceptional prices, so your opportunity to buy a good hat at a modest price is now. This display ad on page 2 will explain how very exceptional are these values. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

### AMBROSE SMALL'S SECRETARY WANTED ON GRAVE CHARGE

Warrant Issued Against John Doughty for Theft of \$100,000 in Victory Bonds, Said to Have Been Abstracted From Theatre Manager's Safety Deposit Vault—Police Believe Small is Murdered.

John Doughty, former secretary of Ambrose Small, Toronto millionaire theatrical man, who made a mysterious disappearance several months ago, is now being sought by the police on a warrant charging him with theft of between \$100,000 and \$150,000 worth of Victory bonds. When the police opened Mr. Small's safety deposit vault recently, the bonds and other papers were found to be missing.

The warrant for Doughty's arrest was issued by Chief of Police Grasset, and was sworn to by Percy Small, a half-brother of Ambrose Small. Percy Small is still employed in the Grand Opera House, and, following several inquiries made by the police, Small was asked to leave his work, and was taken to Col. Grasset's office in the city hall.

After being questioned by the chief and Inspector Detectives Guthrie and Innes, the warrant of theft was made out and Small was asked to take the oath. It is rumored that more than one warrant was taken out, which points to show others were being looked for in the case.

**Were Bearer Bonds.**  
Outside of Mr. Small himself, Doughty was the only man having access to the vault. The bonds were bearer bonds, and the exact amount of them, which are said to have been placed in the vault before Mr. Small was missed, is not known. The police have been told that Mr. Small received \$100,000 and \$150,000 of the last Victory loan bonds in his safety box. The police are now more inclined to work on the murder theory now than



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the one that Mr. Small had been kidnapped and was being held for a ransom. Extensive inquiries have been made concerning the latter supposition but no new light has been forthcoming.

During the last ten days Detective Mitchell, who is handling the case, has made trips out of the city concerning the kidnapping story, and it was learned that on two of his last trips he visited New York.

Chief Grasset has authority to issue a warrant under an appointment made by the Dominion government during the war, under the war measures act. It is very seldom the chief issues a warrant, it being customary for a justice of the peace to issue them. The reason for the procedure in the Small affair was to try and keep the news from the press. As yet, as far as can be learned, the warrants have not been registered in the usual way and are being held for execution by Inspector Guthrie and Detective Mitchell.

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