23 King East.

PROBS— Strong north to west winds; snowflurries partly fair and colder.

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Senate Reading

Second Attempt to Dynamite Castner Electrolytic Alkali Works Results in Complete Destruction of Factory-May Order Out Militia.

Special to The Toronto World.
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., March 7.-The Castner Electrolytic Alkali Co's large works situated on Buffalo aveand 24th street at Niagara Falls, N.Y., were completely blown up about 10.30 p.m. The explosion completely lemolished the plant, killing five men and injuring more than a dozen other persons so far as known. There were some seven or eight distinct explosions following closely one after the other. The plant manufactured caustic soda and material for high explosives, employing a number of men working day and night shifts.

A general fire alarm was given calling out the entire city fire and police

wening was successful.

were rushed to the various bridges and other points to forestall any possible pro-German demonstration, the rumor having spread that the plant was blown up by pro-German agents.

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BERLIN MAN CRUSHED IN STORE ELEVATOR

BERLIN, Ont., March 7 .- Chris Engel, Emwood, a member of the new firm of Gross and Engel, who are opening up a store on East King street, nearly met his death this afternoon while ascending on an elevator in the store. He became wedged and in the crush sustained a compound fracture of his right leg a compound fracture of his right leg and two broken ribs. Luckily workmen were nearby who stopped the elevator

If Imperial Government Gives Consent, However, Steps Will Be Taken.

DEMAND BY LAURIER

Premier Accused Opposition

Leader of Relying Entirely
on Newspaper Clippings.

Newspaper Clippings.

OTTAWA, March 7.—Hon. C. J. Doherty has given notice of a resolution for the establishment of a court of appeal of four judges in Saskatchowan, in addition to the present supreme ceurt of six judges. The chief justice of the court of appeal will get \$8000 and the three puisne judges \$7000 each. The chief justice of the court of King's bench will also get \$7000 each. The five puisne judges of the same court will get \$6000 each.

The fighting on the line, Bethan-court-Crow's Wood-Goose Hill, on the western side of the Meuse, was extremely violent today, while, after temporarily capturing a small redoubt from the French in Hardaumont wood, east of the court of King's bench will also get \$7000 and the five puisne judges of the same court will get \$6000 each. An attempt was made some six Robert Borden as head of the govweeks ago to blow up the same plant ernment announced in the house of

ynamite, a part of which only commons tonight that no parliawent off, causing slight damage to a mentary investigation would be orpart of the building, but the work this dered into the transactions of the shell committee. The shell commitfeared twelve or more lives tee, he said, acted for the British The greatest excitement prevails at Government and the moneys it ex-The greatest excitement prevails at Niagrar Falls, N.Y., and is expected the state militia will be ordered out.

Guards on Alert.

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sequently found several sticks of dynamite with fuses attached, in other

and the police subbelower than the prices paid in
England and the United States. If an
investigating committee were appointed it would have to enquire not only into transactions of the British that the electro-chemical Government in Canada but also into companies were making a high explo-sive from by-products which was be-ment in the United Kingdom and al so in the United States. No investi-gation certainly could be ordered without the sanction and approval of the imperial authorities.

Laurier's Resolution. The prime minister's announcement came in the course of his speech in o'clock last night in the custody of the debate that arose today upon resolution offered by Sir Wilfryl Laurier calling for the appointment of a special committee to enquire into the purchase of shells, munitions, and other supplies by the shells committee. The debate was opened by Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself, who argued

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* WAR SUMMARY *

S the Germans continue to bring up fresh troops against the forward positions of the French on the western bank of the Meuse, they keep on gaining a little position here and a little position there, but they have not yet seriously tackled the first strong lines of defence constructed in this region by the army of General Joffre.

When they come up to these organizations, Deadman's Hill and Goose Hill in positional transfer and a little position here and a little position at the Peabody plant, and the finding of the unexplosion at the Peabody plant, and the finding of the unexplant at the Peabody plant, and the finding of the unexplosion at the Peabody plant, and the finding of the unexplosion at the Peabody plant, and the finding of the unexplosion at the Peabody plant, and the finding of the unexplosion at the Peabody plant, and the finding of the unexplosion at the Peabody plant, and the finding of the unexplosion at the Peabody plant, and the Peabody plant at the Peabody plant at the Peabody plant at the Peabody p of defence constructed in this region by the army of General Joffre. When they come up to these organizations, Deadman's Hill and When they come up to these organizations, Deadman's Hill and Goose Hill in particular, they will land up against a tough proposition, it is predicted in Paris, and the fighting then will be serious. The Germans omitted to mention, contrary to all precedent, the success that they gained at the Village of Forges, in their official report of yesterday, and their silence on this progress may be due to the suspicion that the French are leading them into a trap, their reluctions the met Respa and Kaltschmidt in Detroit on the morning of the explosion, when they asked what damage had been done.

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The later tendency of the Germans to diminish the magnito- GEN VON LOTTERER

SITUATION UNALTERED IN SOUTHERN ARABIA

Turks.

ed, according to an announcement made tonight by J. Austen Chamber-lain, secretary for India. "There have been no recent opera-

inflicted casualties on the enemy."

It Will Consist of Four Judges-

Stipends Are Attractive.

By a Staff Reporter OTTAWA, March 7.—Hon. C. J. Do-

Convicted Windsor Dynamiter

Spent Night in Toronto Police

Station Cells.

ACCOMPLICE WITH HIM

William Lefler Must Serve Ten

Years for Assisting in Re-

cent Outrages.

Charles Respa, convicted Windsor

dynamiter, and William Lefler, an ac-

complice, who were sentenced to life

vincial Constable J. H. Smith

The charges against Respa were:

acy with Albert Kaltschmidt to blow

up the Windsor armory, and placing

He was tried on the above charges

a bomb under the Windsor armory.

by Chief Justice Falconbridge, Sand

wich, confessed and was sentenced

Lefter was chief witness for the crown. He identified Respa as the

man who called at the Tate factory

night of the explosion at the Peabody

KILLED AT VERDUN

LONDON, March 7 .- Major-Gen.

Von Lotterer, commanding the Ger-man artillery division at Verdun, is

reported to have been killed in action.
says a despatch from Amsterdam to

TOLD TO LEAVE CANADA

PRO-GERMAN PASTOR

for the suitcase and dynamite on the

to Kingston.

immediately.

SASKATCHEWAN WILL

Violent Infantry Attacks on Several Miles Front Suc-LONDON, March 7 .- The situation ceeded at One Position. t Aden, southern Arabia, is unchang-

FRENCH LOST FRESNES

tions," says the announcement, "except a brush with the Turks Feb. 24, in which a small British flying column Enemy Driven From Post East of Meuse—Australian Guns at Verdun. HAVE COURT OF APPEAL

> cial Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, March 7 .- A footing was gained by the Germans thru a violent attack of Crow's Wood, southwest of Goose Hill, west of the Meuse, and

court-Crow's Wood-Goose Hill, on the tremely violent today, with the Germans delivering many violent attacks along the whole front. In only one case did any success come of these onsets, that being in the case of Crow's Wood. Across the Meuse, at a point lower down in Hardaumont Wood, the Germans fired a great many shells, but did Democrats and Nearly Half Construction Program Inadenot permanently gain any ground, The artillery bombardment on the French lines west of the Meuse is be-

ing conducted with big 12-inch shells.

Fresnes Lost By French. Fresnes, in the Woevre, was also lost by the French, who report that the enemy occupied the village after an engagement which cost him serious

The French, during the day, carried out a bombardment of Diffenbach, in the Vosges east of Muhlbach, and of German trenches east of Wattwiller. The French afternoon statement said that, following the bombardment, the German troops were able to advance along the railway line in the neighborhood of Regnieville, and that a German division 20,000 strong, cap-

and to ten years in the penitentiary (Continued on Page 5, Column 6) respectively, arrived in Toronto at 11 Inspectors Boyd and Miller and Pro-Walkerville, and were lodged in the VERDUN-CHALONS LINE cells at Court street police station. The prisoners were handcuffed to the policemen, and came from the Union

Station in a taxi. They will be taken from Court street this morning, thence mmediate Objective of Drive gerents. Dynamiting the Peabody Overall fac-tory at Walkerville, June 21; conspir-West of Meuse Eight Miles Distant.

COUNTRY IMPASSABLE

Foe Forced to Attempt Impossible by Recent Reverses in Turkey.

PARIS. March 7, 6.01 p.m.-The immediate object of the German attacks to the northwest of Verdun, resulting in the occupation of the French advanced post

french military critics continue search for a reason that could impel the

search for a reason that could impel the German effort against so difficult a position as Verdun and its adjacent defensive lines on the right and left. The Temps concludes that the events in Turkey are sufficient explanation.

"Erzerum, Mush and Bitlis," it says, "mark rapid gteps in the Russian advance toward the road to Bagdad. The Russians have opened in Persia Kermanshah, the door of Mesopotamia. Saloniki will soon be reinforced by the Serbian army and become a threat more and more formidable for the Bulgarians.

"It was to counteract the impressions caused by events in the east and against discontent which is echoing in the Prussian Diet and the German Parliament that decided the Germans to begin their offensive against Verdun in this season, unfavorable for operations and trans-

BERLIN. Ont., March 7.—It was learned tonight that as a result of the visit of a Dominion police officer to Conestoga recently Rev. Mr. Mansen, pastor of the Lutheran Church there, was notified to resign his pastortate and leave the country. Pro-Germanism is alleged. He has resigned but has not left the country, as he was seen in the city this afternoon, but could not be interviewed.

Offensive against Verdun in this season, unfavorable for operations and transport."

TO EXTEND BOUNDARIES.

At a meeting of the Weston Town Council, held last night, it was decided not to amalgamate, the offices of clerk and trensurer as had been contemplated. A proposal to extend the boundaries of the town was discussed at some length, but no definite action was taken.

ANNOUNCED IN NEW

The Budget in a Nutshell

Tax on racetracks increased from \$500 per day of operation to Tax of one cent will be imposed upon each paid admission to amusement halls, dance halls, moving picture theatres, theatres, baseball parks, circuses and all places of amusement.

The province has a surplus this year of \$271,000, as compared with a \$600,000 deficit last year.

Total revenue increases for the year were \$1,200,000.

Ontario last year gave a total of \$11,102,000 for patriotic pur-

Ontario's credit is second to that of no state or government in the

Provincial treasurer announced that the courts may be invoked to force the Grand Trunk Pacific to live up to their contract with the Ontario's total assets are placed at \$475,000,000.

Provincial treasurer intimated that the federal finance minister had gone beyond federal scope in his taxation, and promised an adjustment after the war. Offario saved \$592,000 by investigating the Cox estate. In future the penalty of an additional tax of 25 per cent. will be imposed

when the total assets are not represented. Succession duties revenues of \$1,615,000 set a new record in Ontario's history.

of Republicans Back U. S. President:

VOTES OVERWHELMING FOE SOON TO STRIKE

Resolution Killed Amid Scenes of Excitement.

to acknowledge that it stands behind him in the submarine negotiations

To the rallying cries of "Stand by Kaiser?" a big Democratic majority and nearly ialf of the Republicans in the house three times rolled up overwhelming votes against the movement to warn Americans off the armed ships of the European belli-

gerents.
The celebrated McLemore resolution, around which anti-administration forces centred their fight—was tabled—in other words killed—just as was the Gore resolution in the senate

last week.
Won From Outset.
which On the first vote, which was a parliamentary proposition to prevent opening the McLemore resolution to amendment and unlimited debate, the administration forces carried the day, 256 to 160. On that 192 Democrats, 63 Republicans and one Progressive voted to support the administration. Twenty-one Democrats, 132 Republicans, 5 Progressives, one independent and Representative London, the lone socialist of the house, voted against it

the house, voted against it. ussion of the McLemore resolution. Again they carried the day, this

(Continued on Page 2, Column 3) Abolish Whiskey and Vote on Beer

Editor World: As a citizen of Toronto, interested in its welfare, I believe that complete prohibition will hurt the city from a business point of view. I am willing that the sale of whiskey be stopped all over Ontario during the war, save and except in government-owned shops for medical and manufacturing purposes only. I want no sale by doctors. I would have the legislature put this in force at once without a popular vote. But I think the municipalities, outside of those that have already voted local option, should be given the right to vote whether they want beer licenses or not for the time of the war. When the war is over there could be a second referendum. If a municipality regulations of the license commission of the province. In a word, as a war measure, abolish whiskey by the legislature and have local option on beer.

Business Man.

quate in View of Germany's Preparations.

Obnoxious Trouble-Making Churchill Declares Fisher is Needed-Balfour States Situation Satisfactory.

dent Wilson today won his long and sensational fight to compel congress admiralty, now a colonel and fresh at present the municipalities have this from the trenches, sprang back into the parliamentary arena today in a daring speech, answering First Lord President" and "Is it Lansing and wilson or Von Benrstorff and the presented the naval estimates, and declaring that the admiralty lacked driving force and must be revitalized before it was too late, by tringing back Lord Fisher, the former first sea lord, to head the admiralty adminis-

tration. Great interest attached to Colonel Churchil's reappearance after a period of silence while serving with the and while the raval policy he had in-augurated at the opening of the war was undergoing considerable change.

Struck Jarring Note.

Mr. Balfour had just concluded an optimistic statement of the naval out-look, which strongly appealed to the patriotic sentiments of the house of commons, so that Col. Churchill's crit-icisms were at first coldly received. But he gradually gathered attention and applause, until he closed amid a scene

formation which was not entirely satistration leaders were uncertain. With victory in hand they moved on to the next proposition, the adention to the next proposition, the adoption in the naval program had been com-of a special rule for four hours' dis-pleted, the navy would be ready, with an ample margin of safety. It was within the power of the admiralty to complete this program, but he expressed doubt whether this had been done. Meanwhile there was an im-penetrable veil over the German program.

Germany is Ready.
"That is a grave fact," said Col.
Churchill, "for, while we know nothing yet, we may be sure that something is going on there. That the German navy, built up by the kaiser's greatest ef-forts, is remaining idle in the Kiel Canal, without some further supreme effort for its development is unthinkable. We should, there-fore, assume that Germany

(Continued on Page 5, Column 4) "ONTARIO" SUGGESTED AS BERLIN'S NEW NAME

BERLIN, Ont., March 7.—As a result of the work of the committee which is agitating for a new name for Berlin, the name Ontario is to be given a boost as a fit and proper name. The name Bordenhurst, suggested by a Toronto morning paper, when read, brought forth the opinion that it would sound too much like an undertaker and his wagon and therefore didn't find favor.

Spring Styles for 1917.

Newest style arrivals in men's hats from the most reputable makers in England. We are sole agents for the famous Henry Heath, London-made hats. Dineen's, 140 Yongt street.

One Cent on Every Paid Admission to Theatres, Rinks, Ball Games—Race Tracks Must Pay \$1250 Per Day Instead of \$500 --Surplus of \$250,000 Reported by McGarry

Places of amusement, particularly the racetracks thruout Ontario, are to provide the additional revenue required by the government during the present fiscal year. Provincial Treasurer McGarry, in his budget speech before the legislature yesterday, declared that from these sources must come additional revenue, not because the government had to report a deficit or because it is expected to report a deficit next year, "but because the government wish to have more money from which to give willingly, with the object of terminating this war at the earliest possible moment."

Mr. McGarry said the government had not yet worked out all the minor details of the new amusement tax, but one cent or every paid admission to theatres, amusement halls, dance halls, skating rinks, and baseball games and other sports held in Ontario. Entertainments for philanthropic, religious or patriotic purposes will not be subjected to the tax. The government may, by order in council, increase this one cent tax to 25 cents. Altogether the amusement tax is estimated to return additional revenues of over \$400,-

000 to the province.

Racetracks Pay More. The racetraces, instead of paying a tax of \$500 per day of operation, as heretofore, will pay \$1250 for each day they do business. The provincial treasurer estimates this will augment the provincial receipts by \$60,000. There is no tax imposed

nickel industry because the commis-sion appointed to investigate has not yet reported; pool rooms, he said, are not included because that would be an indirect tax which can only be im-LONDON, March 7.-Winston Spen- posed by the Ottawa government, and

Everybody in the house expected a good year's financial report from the provincial treasurer. Nevertheless Mr. McGarry's statements and statistics of receipts and expenditures, additional revenues and decreased expenditures, was so optimistic as to surprise the legislature. A year ago. with only three months of war to in-dicate its effect upon provincial revenues the provincial treasurer had to report a deficit of over \$600,000. Yesterday he reported a surplus to the credit of the Ontario Government of well over a quarter of a million dol lars.
The minister explained to the house

that the splendid financial condition at present enjoyed by the province was brought about by the policy of econo-

(Continued on Page 3, Column 1) INQUIRY REFUSED BY

SIFTON GOVERNMENT

Demand for Royal Commission Rejected on Straight Party Vote.

EDMONTON, March 7.-In the legislature today Dr. Stanley, Conservative member for High River, moved for a royal commission to investigate his charges against the government of improper dealings with the liquor in-After a lengthy debate the motion

was defeated on a straight party divi-sion by 30 to 14.

FOUR GERMAN VESSELS SEIZED BY PORTUGUESE

Steamers Had Taken Refuge at Port in PPortuuese East Africa.

LISBON, via Paris, March 7, 4.20 p.m.—Four German steamers, which had taken refuge in the port of Lourenco Marquez, Portuguese East Africa, have teen seized and the Portuguese flag hoisted on them. The crews of the vessels were interned.

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THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

quence of their communiques on every slight success may be due to the increasing anxiety which is awakened in Germany whenever reports of heavy fighting are spread about, for the heavy losses which the German troops have incurred by their unscientific tactics of massed assaults cannot be wholly kept secret, because they are felt in every German community. The war to the German people now the Exchange Telegraph Co. seems to drag on for the sole purpose of losing more men. As more elderly men are thrown into the melting pot of the combat, the tendency will be for discontent to grow more widespread. If the allies go on with the killing of a few hundred thousand more Germans and Austrians discontent with the war will grow, perhaps, beyond bounds in the central empires. It is said that by this time the dead losses of the Germans are close on four millions of men. They have had over one million killed or died of wounds or of disease. Adding half a million more to the killed and a million and a half more to the maim-

Small British Flying Column Recently Had Clash With