

## PREMIER MEIGHEN MAKES PUBLIC HIS REPLY TO KING'S LETTER REGARDING EXPLOSIVE SHELLS

Repeats Declaration He Has Made from Platform That No  
War Material of Any Kind Has Been Purchased Since  
the Armistice.

Gravenhurst, Ont., Oct. 25.—Premier Meighen's reply to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King's letter regarding high explosive shells was made public today. The Premier dictated his reply, while travelling from Toronto to Brudenrieth, where he spoke this afternoon. After referring to what he terms Mr. King's "rather remarkable" letter, the Premier repeats the declaration that he has made from the platform since Mr. King's letter was published that no war material of any kind has been purchased since the armistice. The ship ment of high explosive shells, which the leader of the Opposition saw unloading at Levis, was not, according to the Premier, a purchase by the Dominion Government, but a consignment sent over by the War Office in response to Canada's requirements. Owing to the fact that Canada had turned all her munitions and supplies into the War Office at the conclusion of the war, she was entitled to draw munitions as she needed them.

The letter in part follows:  
Dear Mr. King:—Your letter of 21st October reached me last night. It had, of course, been published in the press Saturday morning. As promised in my acknowledgment of Saturday, I obtained the information at once from the Department of Militia and Defence and now append below answers to your questions as furnished by that department.

"I need only add that no reports whatever, have been withheld from publication or delayed in production in parliament. On the contrary, as very fully disclosed in the discussion last session, reports have been brought down with the utmost possible dispatch and more promptly than was done when you were a member of the government. The information given below will be of interest to the members of your remarkable letter in the press, so I am giving the publicity to this. For the sake of clearness, I repeat your questions and replies follow in serial form."

Q.—"Am I right in believing that it is at the instance of the Government of Canada that Canadian Government merchant marine steamers Canadian Runner has been employed to bring to Canada the munitions of war being unloaded at Levis, this week, and that they were being bought and paid for in England out of the money contributed through taxation by two people of Canada? If the munitions being unloaded from the Canadian Runner are not for the Government of Canada, are not being paid for by Government, for whom are they intended and how have they been obtained?"

A.—"No war material of any kind has been purchased since the armistice. On the outbreak of war all available war material was shipped to England and handed over to the War Office, Canada receiving a credit of war material equivalent to the amount turned in, upon which she could draw for the use of her forces as required. During the war, war materials purchased under authority of Parliament for the use of the Canadian forces had become the property of Canada and used by our overseas forces. After the armistice, by agreement with the War Office, practically all Canadian-owned war material overseas was turned into British Army ordnance depots; Canada being given a credit of war material."

## Arrests Follow The Passing of \$630 In Counterfeit Bills

Physician of Montreal Gets  
Into Trouble When He  
Lodges Complaint.

Montreal, Oct. 26.—Dr. Norman A. Lafranche, St. Catherine Street East, it was said today, recently sold two men \$630 worth of drugs, for which they are alleged to have paid him with counterfeit bills. The doctor, upon discovering how bad he had been tricked, made a report to the police, omitting, however, to mention the fact that it was in payment of drugs that he had taken the money. Shortly after this, the two men were arrested. Upon appearing for hearing, they informed the police that the doctor had sold them drugs. This information resulted in the letter's arrest so the trio are now lodged in jail.

## Miss Ella Johnson Tells How Cuticura Healed Pimples

"My trouble began as small pimples and in a few months they got worse and my forehead was just a mass of large pimples. They were hard and red and caused me to scratch, and I was disgusted for the time. They made me embarrassed when I was out in company. I tried everything but it was of no help. I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment and in a few weeks my face was completely healed." (Signed) Miss Ella Johnson, Box 65, Canby, Idaho, March 4, 1920.

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## Dramatic Scenes In London's Bow Street Court

Publisher of Weekly "John Bull" Makes Court Sit Up  
and Take Notice.

London, Oct. 27.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Dramatic passages marked today's proceedings in the Horatio Bottomley-Bigland libel action, when Horatio Bottomley, M. P., and publisher of the weekly "John Bull" was called to the witness box for cross-examination by A. S. Comyns Carr, counsel for the defence.

Mr. Bottomley, when told by the magistrate, Sir Charles Byrom, to answer questions and not make speeches declared he was entitled to say what he did and that any judge would uphold him. He also declared "The bias I have had from the bench is intolerable."

Mr. Charles told Sir Ernest Wild, Bottomley's counsel, that he must keep his client in order, as Mr. Bottomley did not seem to know how to conduct himself in the court-room.

Later Mr. Bottomley made another dramatic outburst and protested that "this thing is degenerating into a scandal. I am being accused of stealing this money and putting it on the horses."

The crowds in Bow street, outside the court room were smaller than usual but the arrival of Mr. Bottomley was signalled by cheering. The courtroom itself was crowded with women in the majority.

## Unlikely That Lloyd George Goes To Parley

London, Oct. 26.—The Times Parliamentary correspondent, emphasizing the Irish situation, declares: "It is not a favorable sign that those in closest touch with the Prime Minister are now saying that it is unlikely he will be able to go to Washington."

## Rochester Woman Tells Experience

Mrs. Lehman Had Suffered  
Ten Years from Indigestion  
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"I suffered for ten years from nervous indigestion. I had no appetite and always felt miserable. I was in such a nervous condition I thought my time for death was near. My food didn't seem to nourish me at all and I only weighed 85 pounds."

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The above statement was made by Mrs. Mary Lehman, Bristol Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

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## PREMIER DEALS WITH CHARGES OF MR. CRERAR

Denies Letter the Word Dis-  
loyalty Attributed to Him  
in Reference to Farmers.

(Canadian Press Staff Correspondent) Saint John, N. B., Oct. 26.—Speaking to an audience of about 3,500 people in the rink here tonight, Premier Meighen dealt with a charge which he declared had been made against him by Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the Progressives. "Mr. Crerar says that I have charged the western farmers with disloyalty," said the Premier, "and he stands in righteous indignation on behalf of the west and denounces me for this awful imputation. When Mr. Crerar repeats what I say he usually invents what I say first. I never uttered the word disloyalty, never challenged the loyalty, but I do say that not only these people but—and more to his discredit—Mr. Crerar himself have very little regard for the conditions of industrial Canada, very little interest in the west."

The Premier went on to quote Mr. Crerar as stating: "If we cannot make shoes as cheaply in Canada as in the United States, then we have not reached the time in Canada when we should be making shoes."

This statement, declared the Premier, showed very little concern for the works of industrial Canada. Mr. Crerar is in the position of enemy to recent immigrants to this country, "but the position is a false creditable to him. If his policy was carried out we would have no industrial Canada today. The simple fact is a supply depot to the United States," declared the Premier.

Premier Meighen left for North Bay after his meeting here.

## Gulf Storm Wiped Out St. Petersburg Water Front

City Badly Damaged and  
Citron Fruit Crop Destroyed—Town in Darkness.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 26.—The entire waterfront of St. Petersburg was wiped out by the gulf storm yesterday day, the worst gale the city has ever experienced, according to a message received by the Times Union tonight. The message which was sent by a resident of St. Petersburg who went by automobile to Brooksville said that Brooksville was also reported wiped out. "St. Petersburg," the message said, "is badly damaged and observations coming through county ninety per cent citrus fruit gone. All previous storms no comparison. The city in total darkness for at least three days."

## Salts If Kidneys Or Bladder Bother

Harmless to Flush Kidneys  
and Neutralize Irritating Acids.

Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by uric acid irritation. Jad Salts is a splendid for kidneys and causes no bad effects whatever. Here you have a pleasant, effective, and harmless remedy, which cures bladder trouble.

## LEGLESS BODY OF MURDER VICTIM RE-IDENTIFIED

Mother and Sister Claim Body  
Found in New York Mystery  
to be Dolly Higgins.

New York, Oct. 26.—The legless body of the murdered woman, found last Saturday in a pool of rain water in Long Island City, was re-identified today as that of Mrs. Dolly Bailey Higgins, of this city.

Husband Sees Remains.

Last Monday Mrs. Mary Ballard, sister of Mrs. Higgins, viewed the body and declared it was Dolly's, but a few hours later Higgins visited the morgue and denied the remains were those of his wife. The body on two other occasions had been erroneously identified—once by a captain of marines as that of a girl who had complained to him that one of his men had wronged her, and, again, by a Jersey City woman giving a fictitious address, who declared she had recognized the face of a former domestic, Bertha Becker.

Mother Identifies Body.

The re-identification was made by Mrs. Anna Bailey, of Brooklyn, mother of Mrs. Higgins, who was accompanied to the morgue by Mrs. Helen Otto, of Brooklyn, and Omer Dennis, of East New York, both of whom also identified the corpse and said they had known Mrs. Higgins a score of years. "That's Dolly, my poor Dolly," cried Mrs. Bailey. "Poor girl, I demand the arrest of a man in connection with this brutal act."

Then she gave the police the name of a man, who, she said, "knew all about poor Dolly." She also asked the arrest of his brother, a physician, Mrs. Bailey said Mrs. Higgins had left home two years ago and she had not heard a thing from her until Mrs. Ballard made her identification Monday.

## SMYRNA IS NOW LIKE CITY DEAD

Great Commercial Mart of the  
Levant Idle Through War  
and Depression.

Smyrna, Oct. 26.—Smyrna, once the greatest commercial mart in Asia, is now like a city dead. There is little to show that it is the base of a Greek army of 300,000. For months no cargo boats have entered the harbor. Business throughout Asia Minor is paralyzed. Americans control the life of the trading that exists. There are three reasons for this stoppage of business. One is the war, another is the hopeless rate of exchange (the Turkish pound is worth about 5 cents), and a third is lack of demand for foreign goods.

As there seems little likelihood of an abatement of the war between the Greeks and Komalists, local merchants see little hope of a revival of Smyrna's commercial enterprise. Many of them have left the place for Italy, England and America, where they hope to find greater prosperity.

## Primitive and Unattractive.

The city itself is so primitive and unattractive that one wonders why it has been such a bitter bone of contention between the Greeks and Turks for so many centuries. But, of course, it is the rich agricultural land within the province of Smyrna that both sides covet. The area, which the Turks call the "Pearl of Asia," is one of the most fertile and produces some of the finest fruit in the world. Smyrna figs and raisins are household terms. The country also yields the finest leaf tobacco known. The yearly export to America amounts to millions of dollars.

The treaty of Sevres placed Smyrna under Greek administration, with the proviso that after five years the population might express its preference for either Turk or Greek control.

Although it has a population of upward of 400,000 and is considered by both Turks and Greeks as one of the most modern cities in Asia, Smyrna to the visitor is disappointing and unattractive. Its narrow winding, crooked streets give off an offensive odor. Its drainage system is deplorably inadequate. Its transportation and lighting facilities, too, are woefully defective. There is only a single tram, and that consists of a single track, one-horse line along the waterfront.

## Hotels Sad Affairs.

Then Smyrna's hotels are sad affairs. The most modern of them is 40 years old. None of them would do credit to the smallest town in the United States.

When King Constantine came here, the best accommodations the city could get for him was a small eight room terra cotta house that any farmer in America would own. The King and his ministers were not here two days before they were almost driven out by bugs and mosquitoes. The city has few places of amusement. There are two or three indifferent moving-picture theatres and numerous coffee-houses. All over the Near East the "coffee-house" is an institution. Here the population sits all day sipping Turkish coffee, drinking goat (a drink that tastes like anise seed) and talking politics.

The natives as a rule are primitive, indolent and superstitious. They carry "conversation beads" to beguile the time. These they string and fumble by the hour. The visitor might imagine the holders of the beads were at prayer. Even the horses wear these curious conversation beads. But in these cases they are used to keep away, on the eastern fashion, the "bad eye" from the animal.



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## Man. Labor Party Will Keep Out of Federal Fight

Newly Organized Branch Will  
Confine Its Efforts to Per-  
fecting Its Organization.

Winnipeg, Oct. 26.—The Manitoba section of the newly organized Canadian Labor Party will not place candidates in the field for the Federal election, Charles Dickie, provincial president, announced today.

"The party will confine its immediate efforts to perfecting its organization in the confident hope that it may prepare the ground upon which the political power of the workers may be eventually unified upon a national basis, and lay the foundation of an organization, in which linked up with a movement from coast to coast, unhappy local feuds may be forgotten," Mr. Dickie stated.

## Weddings

MacFarlane-Mason.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. H. B. Clarke, 111 Paradise Row, yesterday when Miss Margaret Almira Mason, of Hastings, Cumberland county, N. S., was united in marriage to John Harold MacFarlane of St. Andrews. The bride, looking charming in a navy blue costume. They will take up their residence at St. Andrews. A large number of friends extended wishes for a happy wedded life.

Corey-Dykeman.

A quiet wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. C. C. Clarke, 111 Paradise Row, when Miss Esther C. Dykeman of Salmon River, Sunbury Co., and Ernest W. Corey of New Zion, Sunbury Co. The happy couple will leave this morning for New Zion where they will take up their residence.

## SHIP PROGRAMMES RETAIN U. S. NAVY IN SECOND PLACE; BRITAIN FIRST, JAPAN THIRD

Latest Statistics of Building Operations Give America 464  
Warships of 1,289,463 Tonnage, Against Mikado's 99  
Fighting Craft of 528,689 Tons.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Latest statistics of the naval establishments of the world's leading maritime Powers, compiled by informed officials here, indicate that the American Navy still will be established securely in second place when the building programmes now under way are completed.

According to the tabulation of fighting ships, Great Britain leads with 533 ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 1,560,430; the United States has 464 ships of 1,289,463 tons, and Japan has 99, of 528,689 tons. France and Italy hold fourth and fifth positions, with fighting tonnage totalling 465,900 and 276,000 respectively.

Completion of present programmes will add 17 ships to the British navy, or 190,530 tons; 69 to the American, with a total of 794,926 tons, and 46 to the Japanese, of 805,188 tons, exclusive of a special submarine programme comprising 130 submarines.

Lacking definite information as to speed and gunpowder of some units included in latest authorized naval programmes, experts here pointed out that a comparison of "battle efficiency" was difficult, if not practically impossible. Examples cited were the so-called "super-Battles" of Great Britain and the new Japanese battle cruisers, which, according to best information, will carry 18 inch rifles of undetermined number.

Comparing the heavier fighting ships now afloat, the tabulation shows that Great Britain excels in battle cruisers, having 6 of the first and 4 of the second line and the United States none. In battleships Great Britain still has 14, Japan 4, France 7, and Italy 4.

Great Britain has 6 second line battleships which she is said to be ready to sell on scrap, while the United States continues to hold 15, Japan 4, France 7, and Italy 5. In light cruisers Great Britain has a total of 45, the United States none, Japan 22, France 4, and Italy 6.

The United States leads with destroyers, having 235 of first line to Great Britain's 237 and Japan's 40. In submarines Great Britain leads in both first and second classes. She has 64 of the first line and 59 of the second, compared with 57 and 44 of the American naval list.

Great Britain has the only naval aircraft carriers, but the United States is remodelling a ship to serve in that capacity. At present Great Britain has 4 of the first line and 3 of the second.

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