

## GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL OUTPUT

Announces That It Will Take Over Factories Making War Material.

### WANTS FASTER SERVICE

Labor Leaders Also Asked To Co-operate on the Drink Question.

(Canadian Press.)

LONDON, March 17.—(14.45 p.m.)—The British Government intends to take over control of the factories in England for the production of war material. This announcement was made today by David Lloyd George, of the exchequer, at a conference of labor leaders, the representatives of the munitions industries and the committee of imperial defence.

In an address appealing for an increase of the output of war material, the Chancellor said that the government was determined to see that the production of munitions was not only increased but that it was done in the most efficient manner possible.

Recent battles have shown that the tremendous concentration of artillery fire recently—the greatest which has been witnessed upon any one spot during the whole war—was not only successful, but has saved the lives of the soldiers who made the attacks.

Therefore, it is imperative that the owners of the factories should co-operate with the government in the production of munitions, and are anxious to save the lives of the men, they must accelerate the output of munitions.

To take over the works, the government has decided to take over the works, in doing so, the government proposes to impose a limitation on the profits, and to ask the men to relax trade union restrictions and put their whole strength into the work.

Before doing this, the Chancellor suggested, a complete understanding was desirable with the employers and workers. To the latter he proposed that, with a view to preventing any stoppage of work by strike or lockout should take place with respect to work for government purposes, in the event of difficulties existing which could not be settled directly by employers and men, the matter should be referred to an impartial tribunal appointed by the government, on which labor should be equally represented with the employers.

Clyde Workers Agree. The Clyde workers, he said, had already taken a ballot in favor of accepting the government's proposal that their dispute should be referred to arbitration, and in the meantime had returned to work.

As to trade union restrictions which tended to disrupt the output, the Chancellor said that while the war lasted they should be suspended so far as they concerned semi-skilled and female labor, which had been usefully employed in the French munition factories.

In conclusion he asked for the co-operation of labor leaders in dealing with the drink question, which was a most difficult one. In some districts this was very serious, and he declared, was gravely interfering with the amount of output.

Another conference will be held tomorrow.

**TAX ALL ESTATES, \$25,000 OR OVER**

Provincial Treasurer Introduces Bill Affecting Direct Heirs.

WORSE FOR DISTANT HEIRS

Fraternal Insurance Societies To Be Examined Every Three Years.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

TORONTO, March 17.—A further shortening of the exemptions granted estates of deceased persons was announced in the Legislature this afternoon, when Hon. T. W. McGarry, provincial treasurer, brought in a bill to provide a tax on all estates going to direct heirs, from \$25,000 up, heretofore no estates below \$50,000 have been charged, but under the amendments now to be made, estates from \$25,000 to \$50,000 will be subject to a tax of 10 per cent. This is drawing the line most fine, because the new tax will reach the largest number of estates that is possible without going after those that are of so little value as to be of no use for revenue purposes.

By the same bill collateral heirs or strangers are worse. Where estates devolve in this way, every estate over \$5,000 and under \$10,000 is taxed 5 per cent, and over that amount 10 per cent. Provision is to be made that where an estate does not pass to a direct heir, it may deposit an amount in cash, and receive 3 per cent interest on it from the department until the settlement is made.

In the case of estates of soldiers killed while on active service, such estates will be relieved of all payment of succession duties, said Mr. McGarry. (Applause.)

To Amend Insurance Act. Following the line of legislation affecting fraternal insurance societies, Hon. J. B. Lucas will amend the insurance act to provide that all societies doing business in the province must have a valuation of assets and liabilities once every three years by a Government expert. The second valuation is to be taken as a basis, and each society will be required to maintain a proportion of solvent or loss bill to extend the term of certain fraternal societies from 40 to 50 years to accommodate the Government.

Mr. George Gooderham's measure to provide for reciprocity in motor vehicles between states and provinces met with the continued opposition of Hon. W. J. Hanna, and was withdrawn.

Mr. Stoddard continued the debate on Mr. Hanna's measure to lower the qualifications for municipal candidates to those required by voters and soundly denounced the Government for being so lenient in the matter. He said that he would see the House for a few days on this and let them see what it means. The opposition will raise the question later.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY. FORT FRANCIS, March 17.—An information has been laid by the agent of the Canadian Northern Railway Company at this place against A. D. George, solicitor and ex-governor attorney of the District of Rainy River, on a charge of forgery. The case comes up before Police Magistrate Hollands on Thursday for hearing.

## CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, March 17.—The following list of casualties among the Canadian expeditionary forces was issued tonight by the Militia Department:

**PRINCESS PATRICIAS.**  
Killed in action—Lieut. Donald Cameron, March 15. Next of kin, Mrs. K. Cameron, Linton Apartments, Montreal.

Wounded—Lieut. Charles James T. Stewart, March 15. Next of kin, Colonel Stewart, Halifax, N.S.  
Pte. Henry G. Marchant, grenade wound in side. Next of kin, H. Marchant, Toys Hill, Brasted, Kent, Eng.

Pte. Edward Edwards, gunshot wound in foot. Next of kin, Emily Edwards, No. 70 Standish avenue, Toronto.

Pte. Victor Alexander Colquhoun, gunshot wound in leg. Next of kin, Mrs. Gertrude E. Colquhoun, Suite No. 11, Dorchester Apartments, Winnipeg, Man.

**FIRST BRIGADE, C. F. A.**  
Severely wounded—Gunner H. A. Thunders, admitted to No. 14 general hospital, Boulogne, gunshot wound in face. Next of kin, Mr. Julian Thunders, No. 55 Cheyne Court, Chelsea, London, England.

**SECOND BATTALION.**  
Dangerously wounded—Lance Sergeant Peter Victor, admitted to No. 13 general hospital, Boulogne, gunshot wound in thigh, March 15. Next of kin, Mrs. M. Victor, No. 125 Park street, Peterboro, Ont.

Seriously ill—Pte. R. Maynes, at No. 12 stationery hospital, Rouen, with pneumonia. Next of kin, Mrs. Ethel Maynes, (wife), No. 91 Regent street, Toronto.

**THIRD BATTALION.**  
Severely wounded—Sergeant Frank Allingham, admitted to No. 14 general hospital, Boulogne, March 15, gunshot wound in arm. Next of kin, William Allingham, (father), No. 32 Wyatt avenue, Toronto.

**FIFTH BATTALION.**  
Dangerously ill—Pte. Frank Robertson, admitted to stationery hospital, St. Omer. Next of kin, J. S. Robertson, (father), No. 1 Fernham road, West Kensington, London, Eng.

**SEVENTH BATTALION.**  
Severely wounded—Pte. Stanley Langley, admitted to No. 3 stationery hospital, Rouen, March 11; gunshot wound in back. Next of kin, John Langley, Foss Villa, Foss road, Leicester, Eng.

**EIGHTH BATTALION.**  
Wounded—Bugler Charles Francis Husey, admitted to No. 3 stationery hospital, Rouen, March 12; gunshot wound in head. Next of kin, John Husey, Plymouth, Eng.

**TENTH BATTALION.**  
Wounded—Pte. Fred Paradise, admitted to Ramal Pindi general hospital, Boulogne, March 9; gunshot wound in chest. Next of kin, Mrs. K. Paradise, (mother), No. 585 Pacific avenue, Winnipeg, Man.

**THIRTEENTH BATTALION.**  
Died of wounds—Pte. J. C. Reekie, March 16. Next of kin, Alexander Reekie, (father), High street, Strathgillie, Scotland.

**DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.**  
Dangerously wounded—Sapper Franklin Thomas Briston, admitted to No. 1 Eastern Hospital, Cambridge, suffering from tetanus. Next of kin, Mrs. Jennie Briston, (wife), No. 44 Main street, Kingston, Ont.

## To Start Now Enlisting Men For the Fourth

OTTAWA, March 17.—With the third contingent practically all recruited, the Militia Department is now enlisting men for the fourth contingent. This is carrying out the original plan of the Government as outlined by Sir Herbert Jordan, which was to keep some 50,000 men constantly under training in Canada, and to recruit and send forward constant reinforcements.

No proceeding can be taken in the case of a mortgage or an agreement of sale, unless some portion of the interest, taxes or insurance is in arrears for one year.

Proceedings cannot be taken within one year in case of the principal being in arrears.

In the case of taxes, interest or insurance being in arrears however, the vendor or mortgagee will have the right to sue to the amount of the rental value of the property.

The vendor or mortgagee may notify the tenant or tenants of any property to pay rent direct to him, or to the landlord, to the extent of the amount due for taxes, insurance and interest, (that is, to the rental value of the property).

Proceeding may be taken to secure taxes, interest and insurance after they have been in arrears for one year, if the mortgagor has not been notified as provided.

Other such proceedings, after one year, they will take the form usual prior to the war.

**PLEA FOR BILINGUALISM.**  
QUEBEC, March 17.—A strong plea for bilingualism was made here tonight by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of the supreme court, speaking before a large gathering of Quebec Irish people at the 50th annual entertainment of the St. Patrick's Literary Institute in the Auditorium Theatre.

Sir Charles urged that "all you Irish-Canadians should learn the French language," as no man was equipped to unite his people in this country of French and English. He made a fervent appeal for union and goodwill between the sons of both races in Canada, affirming that the arguments drawn from the history of their forefathers and from the necessities of the present constituted a strong argument for harmony and the entire cordials.

**REAL ST. PATRICKS**  
BLENHEIM, March 17.—Reeve Charles Buchanan and Treasurer John Whittington celebrated St. Patrick's day and night at the residence of the latter in Harwich. Both these gentlemen were born on the saint's birthday and on the same day, this being the 16th anniversary.

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**BUYERS SUGAR-MAKING OUTFIT.**  
KINCARDINE, March 17.—Wm. Beag, of the boundary of Kincardine and Bruce townships, bought a full equipment from this station of the latest improvements, consisting of furrows, excavating pan, twelve feet in length, tanks, reservoirs, pans and spiles, to the value of \$225, for his large sugar bush near Tiverton.

**AMERICANS IN AUSTRIA ARE CALLING FOR FOOD**  
VENICE, March 17.—(Via London, 10:42 p.m.)—A number of Americans living in Austria are endeavoring to procure a shipment of provisions from the United States on an American ship. A petition is being sent to Secretary of State Bryan by these Americans, asking him to take steps to secure the safe passage of the vessels.

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## NO INCREASE OF FERTILIZER TAX

Plea of Mr. McCoig Prevails With Government At Ottawa.

### WHISKY MEN ESCAPE

Finance Minister Decides Not To Tax Them More.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

OTTAWA, March 17.—The tariff has been changed. Arguments of the Opposition have compelled the Government to do something, not what the Opposition asked for, but a modification has been made. The Opposition asked that the British preference should not be made worthless. The answer of the Government has been to make things easier for the whisky men. Finance Minister White announced the war budget tariff modifications just made.

The British preference remains hamstrung, whisky, platinum, coffee, bananas, silk and infant goods escape the penalty proposed a month ago. The Liberals did the best they could to save the British preference. The Government decided to refuse the Mother Country. The Liberals from Western Ontario decided that they would do anything else they could.

**Farm Fertilizer Saved.**  
In response to the effective arguments of Hon. Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Archie McCoig, the proposed increased taxation on farm fertilizer is abandoned. In response to the representations of Mr. B. B. Lay, the increase on cotton seed-meal is likewise dropped. In response to the argument of M. F. B. Carvell, the proposed assessment on bananas at least goes by the board and in response to the petition of Mr. Fardeau, the minister of finance, promises to "take into my consideration" the question of removing the customs taxation on gravel and sand. It has not been a bad period of work for Liberal parliamentarians.

**Willcox In Trouble.**  
Two rather amusing situations resulted, Mr. Oliver Willcox, of North Essex, who zealously championed the increased tax on farm fertilizer, when Dr. Pugsley and Mr. McCoig pleaded for its elimination found himself in an embarrassing position and labored to explain that the farmers in his county had been willing to accept the additional burden and were "willing to pay their honest share" of the new taxes. He went so far as to suggest that the farmers did not want "the handling out of a sop for the sake of getting a few votes."

**As awkward** was the position of Mr. J. B. Armstrong, of East Lambton, when Mr. Fardeau, from the western side of the same county, made his telling plea for the removal of the 7 1/2 per cent duty on gravel and sand. Mr. Armstrong struggled to evade the dilemma, but Mr. Fardeau was too good for him and he escaped.

"Are you in favor of the tariff of 7 1/2 per cent on these commodities?" persisted Mr. Fardeau for the third time. Mr. Armstrong refused again to answer.

"The House takes it for granted," he said, "that the tariff is in favor of the taxation but afraid to say so." Mr. Armstrong let it go at that.

**Announcement of Minister.**  
Hon. Mr. White announced the Government "modifications." It was now proposed, he said, to insert one new item and make certain additions to the list of exemptions in the new tariff increases. At the request of the Government of Newfoundland wild edibles berries were placed upon the free list. At the request of the Government of Jamaica, bananas were exempted from the increase.

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**Relief for Platinum.**  
Owing to the French treaty, the Finance Minister said it had been decided also to exempt platinum from the list of exemptions in the new tariff increases. At the request of the Government of Newfoundland wild edibles berries were placed upon the free list. At the request of the Government of Jamaica, bananas were exempted from the increase.

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**Chance To Do More.**  
Mr. Archie McCoig thanked the minister for taking action on the matter of fertilizers. The action, he said, would be appreciated by many of his constituents in Kent and that the minister would not stay his hand half way in the performance of good acts, and proceed to remove the increased taxation on machinery for distributing fertilizer.

Implementations used for the cultivation of beans, corn, tobacco and sugar beets are not manufactured by any export in Canada, consequently the removal of taxation upon them would not injure any working man and would be greatly appreciated by the farmers.

Hon. Mr. White said he could not do everything. His purpose was to raise revenue, and all must bear a part of the burden.

**Pardee's Plea.**  
Mr. Fred Pardee urged that gravel and sand be exempted from the 7 1/2 per cent increased taxation. The monopoly of the gravel on the Canadian side of the international waters in southwestern Ontario was held by one company, and the tax would merely provide a protection at the expense of the farmers and others who had need for these commodities.

Mr. Pardee asked Mr. Armstrong, his Conservative colleague from Lambton, to co-operate with him in this request, but the latter failed to do so. Asked repeatedly by Mr. Pardee if he was in favor of the increased taxation of sand and gravel, Mr. Armstrong refused to answer.

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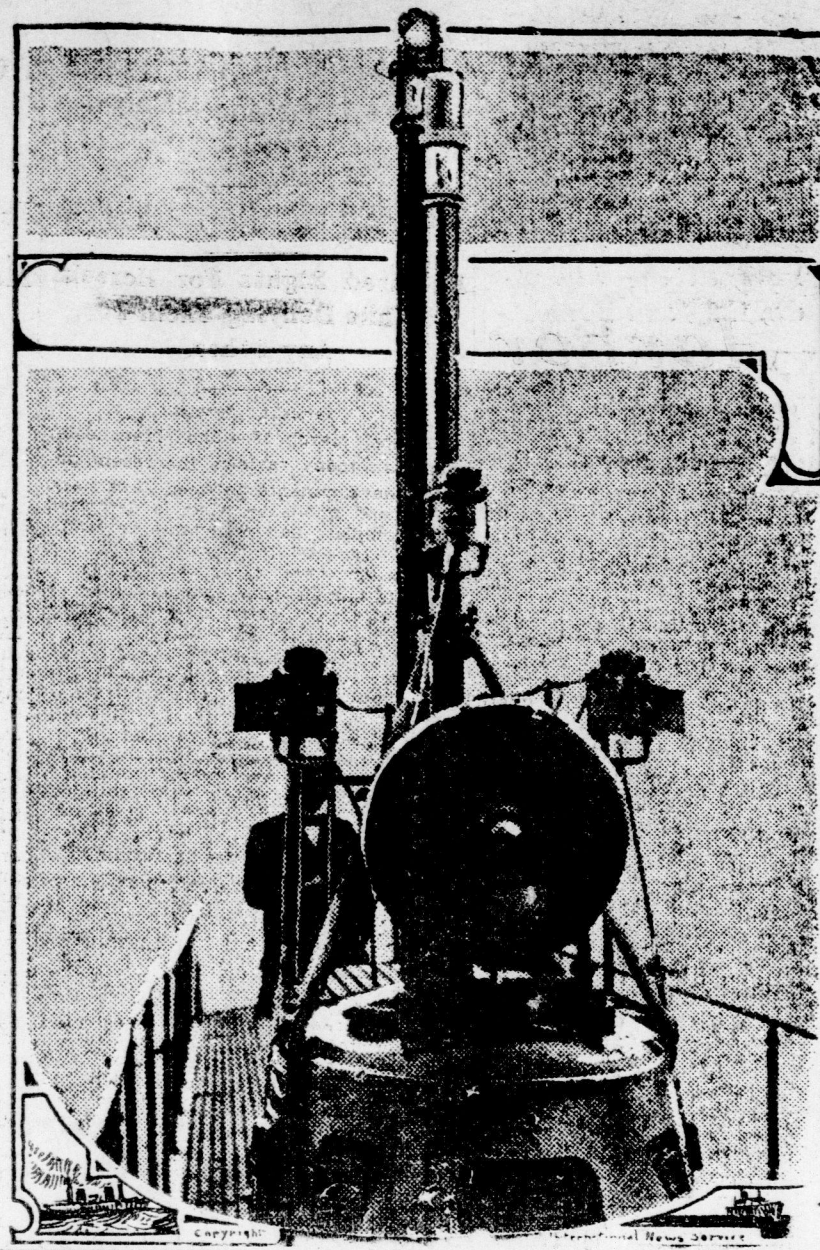
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## View of French Submarine

Showing the Periscope and Pilot House.



## German Cruiser Karlsruhe Reported to Have Blown Up

LONDON, March 18.—2:05 p.m.—Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent sends a story of the sinking of the German cruiser Karlsruhe, taken from the Stiffs-Flende, which asserts that it obtained the story from an authoritative source. According to the story the crew of the Karlsruhe were having tea one evening when a sudden explosion broke the part of the crew with it. The other half floated for some time, which enabled between 150 and 200 men to be rescued by an accompanying steamer.

This steamer reached a German port with the survivors, who were sworn to secrecy concerning the sinking of the cruiser.

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## ALLIES CAPTURE IMPORTANT HILL

Success In Perthes Region Gives Command of Important Ground.

### A COUNTER-ATTACK FAILS

The Germans Driven Off With Heavy Losses In Desperate Charges.

(Canadian Press.)

PARIS, March 17 (via London), March 18.—1:25 a.m.—The War Office tonight made public the following official communication:

"To the north of Arras, despite a third counter-attack delivered by the enemy during the night of March 16-17, we maintained ourselves in the trenches, which we had captured on the height of Notre Dame de Lorette.

"In Champagne our successes have been brilliantly maintained and the enemy, despite his efforts, has not succeeded in retaking even a part of the ground conquered by us.

**An Important Gain.**  
"In the region of Perthes we have continued to make progress in the woods extending from Perthes and Souain. To the north of Perthes, despite three counter-attacks, we have held the trenches captured yesterday, which are of greater importance than the preceding communication indicated. In fact, we have gained possession of the military crest on the west of Hill 196 on a length of 800 metres, and some ground to the south, 400 metres in depth.

"This advance gives us not only the height, but command of all it overlooks on the northern side of the ridge, which extends from Perthes to Maisons. The enemy has felt the importance of this height, this morning he attempted to recapture the lost ground. A most violent counter-attack was led by a regiment of the landstorm, supported by the Guards. The Germans were literally mown down by our mitrailleuses. The survivors escaped their trenches pursued by our fire.

**Losses to Enemy.**  
"To sum up, all these fruitless attempts caused the enemy considerable losses. In the Argonne and in the region of Vauquois, there was a violent counter-attack, but no infantry actions. All the gains previously made have been consolidated.

"At Bois Le Pretre some German contingents, who had mistaken themselves near our trenches in excavations caused by the explosion of March 14, have been definitely driven from them.

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