TEN PAGES

# Big Battle Brewing Is the Outlook Now; 

 Serious Charge Against Speaker Currie
## QUESTION OF HOUR IS WHERE WILL NEXT BIG FGGIT BEGEIN

Important Battle is Brewing---With Improvemen in Weather Artillery Fire Becoming Exceeding ly Violent in Many Sectors Along the Battle Front--Canadians Experiencing Heavy Gun Fire which Rages from Lens Around Festubert Bend to Niophe Forest Covering Western Approach to Hazebrouck---Canadians Make Successful Raids Around Lens---Will Huns Try For Amiens and Paris?

Special Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper.)
London, ${ }^{*}$ April 22.-With the improvement in the weather, the artillery, assisted by aerial observers, is becoming exceedingly violent in many sectors along the battle front. Field Marshal Haig in today's commique reports a heavy Niephe Forest, covering the western approach to Hazebrouck. Near Albert and at the junction of the British and French armies east of Aimens the big guns have also been decidedly active.

During the interlude much reconnaissance work is being done, Haig reporting that

There is a big battle brewing. Every sign of military
If significance points in that direction. The question is where and when will Ludendorff persevere in his attempt to reach the Ypres plain and the channel points beyond or, having forced the British off of Passchendaele and Messines Ridges, which in British hands would serve as jumping off places for effort to reach Amiens, to split the Anglo-French armies, and effort to reach Amiens, to
to move on toward Paris.

## BRAZENLY BIASED BILL BY BYRNE

Attorney General and Foster Government Desire to Have Money Refunded in Valley Railway Case, but Refuse to Have Proceedings Taken Against Those of Their Friends who Figured in Central Railway Transactions---The Insincerity
入 Hypocrisy and Humbug of the Fosterian "Purists" and "Reformers" Ably Shown Up by Hon. James A.Murray---Long Debate on Bill Probable.
Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, April 22. -The lohg expected "restitutionary bill" referred to in the speech from the throne, and over which it is known there has been considerable division
of opinion on the part of the government, made its appearof opinion on the part of the government, made its appear-
ance in the Legislature this afternoon. While many of the opposition members were absent, while there was not a member of the legal profession present on the opposition benches, taking advantage of the absence from the city of Hon. Mr.
Baxter, Dr. Campbell and Mr. Tilley. Attorney General Baxter, Dr. Campbell and Mr. Tilley, Attorney General
Byrne arose in his place and introduced what will go down in history as one of the most brazenly partisan measures any government has ever dared to place before. the considera

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 A HOLIDAY TODAYThe Attitude of Nationalists Has Produced Unfortuate Situation.

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By Arthur s. Draper.
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Accusations Made in Legislature Last Night by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, and are Based on Affidavit Signed by Archibald Murchie, a Lumber Scaler of the Parish of Durham, Restigouche Co., who Alleges that Mr. Currie Induced Him to Reduce Figures Showing Cut of Continental Lumber C .

Hon. Mr. Baxter Moves that Charges be Made the Subject of Investigation by Committee of. Five Members of the House to be Given Power to Call Witnesses Under Oath-Speaker Currie Makes General Denial in an Affidavit of Mr. Murchie's Statements.

## Special to The Standard

Fredericton, April 22.-ust before adjournment in the Legislature tonight Hon. J. B. M. Baxter arose in his place and formally laid serious charges against Hon. William CurAssembly, and gave notice that he would move that the
charges be made the subject of investigation by a committee of five members of the House to be given power to call witnesses under oath. "Whereas, John B. M. Baxter, a member of the Legis-
lative Assembly of this province for the county of Saint
John, has from his place in the House this day formulated certain charges against the Honorable William Currie.
Speaker of this House and a member of the Legislative Assembly for the county of Restigouche, which he is credibly inand believes he can establish by satisfactory evidence and
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"Germany hoped first to starve the Old Country by the submarine campaign and then to smash her land forces. She has failed to starve us and she will fail to smash us, but we cannot achieve victory without food. There never was a time when it was more needed.
"The Canadian farmer and the Canadian farmhand now have the opportunity to make an effective reply to the enemy's present onslaughts by bending their undivided energies to the increased production of those food supplies for which we depend to such vital extent upon your great Dominion."
(Signed) "RHONDDA"

## London, April 10th

The Prime Minister of Canada, in call to Greater Food Production, says: "The crisis is grave and urgent
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isupply for the $200,000,000$ persons ir Europe who will be clamoring for food.

Measures have been taken and on the authority of the Director of Agricultural Labor, will provide help needed for harvest
City and town people who cannot go on the farms are helping to feed themselves by growing their own vegetables, so that the farmers may grow more food for export.
The food crisis calls for the utmost effort by all the people of Canada, because, as Lord Rhondda says, Food is essential to Victory.

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