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## THE BRITISH CABINET NOW DRAFTING HOME RULE BILL FOR IRELAND

### Executive to Have Full Power Over Internal Legislation and direct Taxation ---Commons to Have 200 Members and the Senate 64.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, April 15.—A committee of the British cabinet is now drafting an Irish Home Rule bill, the parliamentary correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says. An Irish parliamentary executive will be established with full powers over the internal legislation and administration and over direct taxation. Representation in the Imperial Parliament will be reached in the form of a delegation of forty-two Irish members.

An Irish senate of sixty-four members, he adds, will be constituted by allotting representation to different interests. The Irish House of Commons will consist of 200 members, 80 guaranteed to be unanimously chosen in the south by nomination, and in Ulster by an additional direct election.

Supreme authority of the Imperial Parliament will be recognized by the reservation of powers relating to the Crown, to foreign relations, to the army and navy, and to minor services and interests. Control of the police and post office will be retained for the period of the war. The completion of land purchases will be expedited.

### ROYAL COMMISSION WILL EXAMINE THOROUGHLY FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH GREAT BRITAIN

For the period of the war and two years afterward, the control of customs and excise will be reserved. As soon as possible after the establishment of an Irish Parliament, a joint exchequer board will be set up to determine the true revenue of Ireland. On the conclusion of peace a royal commission will be appointed to examine impartially and thoroughly the financial relations of Great Britain and Ireland, to report what contribution Ireland ought to make to imperial expenditures and to submit proposals as to the best means of adjusting the economic and fiscal relations of the two countries.

Provision probably will be made, the correspondent continues, for the appointment of an Ulster committee within the Irish parliament with power to modify or even exclude the application from Ulster of measures of legislation or administration which may not be consonant with the interests of that province.

### THE PRIMATE OF ALL IRELAND DECLARES THAT CONSCRIPTION IS THE GOVT.'S GRAVEST BLUNDER

DUBLIN, April 15.—Large meetings to oppose conscription were held today in Armagh, Limerick, Tullamore, Omagh, Carlow, Cashel and other places. They were not interfered with and there was no disturbance.

Cardinal Logue, Primate of Ireland, said the conscription proposal for Ireland was the gravest blunder the government had made, and would lead to the utmost disorder and would be met with the most strenuous passive resistance. Anything in the nature of organized physical resistance was to be deprecated, and would not be favored by him. The Cardinal said he called a meeting of Irish bishops for next Thursday, when resolutions would be adopted.

The Most Rev. Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, publishes his view that the people are entitled to resist, adding that it is for the nation to decide the most effective form of such resistance.

Bishop James Naughton, preaching at Ballina, said, having regard for agricultural requirements, Ireland had already given more than the first portion for the army and that the numbers would have been larger but for the policy of the government.

## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, April 14.—Among the casualties received today are the following Maritime men:

Infantry.  
Wounded—L. E. Titus, St. John; H. L. Lindsay, St. John; L. D. O'Brien, Waasis Station, N. B.; J. E. Vinneau, Beresford, N. B.; L. Alette, Campbellton, N. B.; J. Perth, address not stated; J. B. Lutes, Turtle Creek, N. B.

Services.  
Died—W. G. Caples, St. John.

Mounted Rifles.  
Wounded—E. C. Chapman, St. John.

Artillery.  
Wounded—H. E. McLean, address not given.

Engineers.  
Died of wounds—H. M. Adams, St. John; W. Smith, address not known.

## DYNAMITE FOUND BY GIRLS

Montreal, Apr. 15.—Five heavy sticks of dynamite, believed to have been stolen from the Martineau quarries by the alleged gang of dynamiters when Lord Atholstan's summer residence was partly wrecked by a stick of dynamite, were found by girls looking under a sidewalk on Letorneux street for hens' eggs a few days ago. Lieutenant Colonel G. E. Barnes, chief intelligence officer, states that the five sticks in question are similar to the stolen dynamite and is of opinion that they were cached under the sidewalk when the chase became too strong last fall for the gang.

### TO USE LESS MEAT.

Rome, Apr. 15.—A decree will be issued shortly according to Epoca, limiting the consumption of meat to three days a week.

## GUY MORRISON DIES IN QUEBEC

Younger Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morrison, of This City—Details Not Yet Known.

A telegram from Quebec City this morning conveyed to relatives in this city the sad news that Guy Morrison, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Morrison, had died in St. Luke's Hospital. They left this morning by C.G.R. for Quebec, but were informed at Newcastle that he had died. The deceased had been in charge of his father's lumbering operations in Quebec during the past winter. When Mr. Morrison left last week to come to this city his son appeared to be in his usual state of health. Details of the illness are not known.

The deceased was about thirty-three years of age and was well known throughout the province. As a young man he was a bank clerk and was stationed in a number of towns and cities. Later he joined his father in the lumbering business which he had followed for some years. Besides the parents, one brother, Roy, survives.

The many friends of the bereaved family will learn of the death with regret which will be the deeper on account of the suddenness of the bereavement. The deceased as a young man was well known as a hockey player and had many friends.

## WILL ENFORCE REGULATIONS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Ottawa, April 15.—The Canada Food Board announced today that the provincial and municipal police all over Canada are co-operating heartily with the board in enforcing the new public eating regulations. Already heavy fines have been imposed in such cases as a result of action instituted by provincial or municipal police authorities under the new orders.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. C. O. Foss of St. John, arrived in the city this morning.  
Mr. H. P. Robinson of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

## THINKS THE TURNING POINT OF DRIVE HAS BEEN REACHED

### Experts of the U. S. Department Take an Optimistic View---Hun Objectives Not Obtained.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 15.—A turning point in the battle on the western front is being reached, says the United States War Department's review of the military situation for the week ending April 13, published today.

The Germans have failed in their purpose to achieve victory in the field, the statement continues, and will soon be forced to resume their old tactics, seeking to gain limited objectives, striking first at one point, then at another, in order to render the Allied position untenable and give themselves greater security. "We must bear in mind," the review says, "that the enemy is waging a battle of annihilation to achieve victory. He is fighting today with the sole aim of annihilating the British armies. This, the statement continues, counts for little. While it must be admitted that German operations since the beginning of the present offensive have resulted in more than a mere ploughing up of part of the Allied trench system and the capture of local objectives along a wide front, nevertheless the aim of the German higher command to obtain a decisive strategic success by these assaults has not been attained. As time passes, it becomes evident that the enemy is striking with renewed vigor at the weakest point he can find opposite him."

## BRITISH ARTILLERY MADE AWFUL HAVOC IN THE GERMAN RANKS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 14.—A heavy concentration of Germans about Neuve Eglise, who were about to be employed in an assault against a long suffering brigade, were enveloped in an artillery barrage and literally shattered to pieces. For two hours British shells ploughed through the enemy ranks. The same sort of things has been going on for days. Prisoners verify statements that the British harassing fire is frightful. For two nights before the Germans began their present drive west of Arrmentieres the British artillery worked havoc. Prisoners say that when their advance started they had to walk over bodies and the wreckage of munition and supply wagons. Another instance occurred on the 11th, northeast of Estaires, where the British guns killed so many of the enemy that the advancing troops were piling up bodies and using them as protection against the fire.

## Attacks in Merville Sector Repulsed by the British

### THE BRITISH IMPROVING THEIR POSITION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
London, Apr. 14.—"Yesterday morning the enemy attempted to advance on a thousand yard front south of the Lys but was smothered by our artillery. Another advance from Merville was likewise flung back, while an intense bombardment heralding enemy infantry between Wytschaete and Kemmel Ridge came to naught by our concentrated artillery barrage.

"Our withdrawal near Locon towards the La Basse Canal was to a more favorable defensive position. I judge that the most critical period of the battle was Friday last. It was at a stage then that had the enemy pressed his advantage the consequence then would have been serious. His failure to improve his opportunity presumably was because he could not. Since then there has been a steady improvement in the general position."

### COUNT CZERNIN HAS RESIGNED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Amsterdam, April 15.—Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, according to a despatch from Vienna has resigned.

The recent publication by the French government of the futile peace appeal started by Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary in March 1917, and the efforts of the emperor and the Austro-Hungarian foreign office to explain this letter to the satisfaction of Germany and the German emperor, probably were the most potent instances in bringing about the resignation of Count Czernin.

Lieut. and Mrs. E. S. Roxborough of St. John, are guests at the Barker House.  
Lieut. H. C. Parker of St. John, is in the city.  
Mr. D. S. Curtis of Brunswick, Me., is a guest at the Barker House.

## Official Statement Tells of Furious Fighting on the Western Front---British Have Withdrawn a Second Time From Neuve Eglise.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, April 15.—Seven attacks by the Germans in the Merville sector of the northern battlefield have been repulsed by the British, who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, it was announced officially this morning.

The British have lost Neuve Eglise. Southwest of Bailleul the Germans temporarily penetrated the British positions, but were driven out by a counter attack.

The official statement follows: "Severe fighting continued all day yesterday around Neuve Eglise. After beating off numerous attacks, our troops were in the end compelled to withdraw a second time from the village.

### THE ATTACKING ENEMY DRIVEN BACK TO THE NORTHWEST OF MERVILLE WITH GREAT LOSS

"Strong attacks were made by the enemy yesterday afternoon at a number of other points on the battle front. Northwest of Merville fierce fighting took place, as a result of which the attacking German infantry were driven back with great loss. The hostile infantry advancing along the northern bank of the Lys were caught by the fire of our artillery and were unable to develop their attacks.

"In the course of the day no less than seven attacks were delivered by the enemy in the Merville sector, all of which were repulsed with heavy loss to his troops. In one case the enemy advanced to the assault in five waves. Under the weight of this attack our line was bent back slightly, but was completely restored by a counter attack."

### BRITISH CAPTURE SEVERAL MACHINE GUNS AND 150 PRISONERS IN THE FIGHTING NEAR ROBECCQ

"Southwest of Bailleul parties of the enemy succeeded temporarily in penetrating our positions, but were driven out by our counter attacks and our line was restored.

Successful minor operations were carried out by us during the night east of Robecq. Several machine guns and 150 prisoners were captured by us. Fighting took place also early this morning south of the Somme, in the neighborhood of Hangard. Our position in this sector has been improved, and a number of prisoners have been taken. The enemy artillery was active last night in the neighborhood of Buecap."

### FRENCH TROOPS CARRY OUT SEVERAL LOCAL RAIDS AND BRING BACK SOME PRISONERS

PARIS, April 15.—On the front above Montdidier, the French made a successful local attack last night, taking prisoners, the War Office announces. The statement follows:

"In the region of Hangard the French carried out a local operation with complete success and took ten prisoners. Since April 12 we have taken 150 prisoners in this sector.

"Between Montdidier and Noyon, and in the Champagne south of Mont Teli, we carried out several raids and brought back prisoners. A German effort north of the Chemin des Dames, southeast of Corbeny, was without success. There were intermittent bombardments at several points on the front."

## AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IS DISTRESSING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Apr. 14.—Hon. Everett Colby, senator for the state of New Jersey, who accompanied a senatorial party on a trip to the front a few weeks ago to learn at first hand the conditions under which the war was being fought in France, at a meeting held under the joint auspices of the Ontario organization of resources committee and the Canada Food Board, told a large audience in the Russell Theatre this afternoon that there would be absolute famine in France in a few months unless Canada and the United States made greater sacrifices than they have yet done.

Senator Colby spoke of the agricultural situation in Great Britain as "critical and distressing," though better than that in France, where cattle were being slaughtered for lack of feed and women hitched themselves to plows in place of oxen. Lack of seed and fertilizers, and lack of labor reduced the last harvest to one-third of normal.

Mr. John J. Dougherty of Montreal, is a guest at the Queen.

## JOE MARTIN RETURNING TO ENGLAND

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Vancouver, Apr. 15.—Joseph Martin, K. C., who has been attorney general of Manitoba, attorney general and premier of British Columbia, and member of the British House of Commons for East St. Pancras, and who has practiced law in Vancouver for the past few years, is going back to London to re-enter British political life. Announcement to this effect was made yesterday by Mr. Martin, who said he expected to enter the House of Commons of the United Kingdom as a labor member.

## SOLDIERS IN A TRAIN WRECK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Apr. 15.—Three soldiers were killed, ten seriously injured and thirty-five slightly injured today in a wreck on the Long Island railroad near Central Islip, N. Y. All of the dead and injured are said to be stationed at Camp Upton.