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## HON. C. J. DOHERTY'S SON FAILS TO REPORT UNDER MILITARY SERVICE ACT

ROYAL COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO  
QUELPH NOVITIATE AFFAIR IN WHICH A  
MEMBER OF UNION GOVERNMENT  
WAS INTERESTED

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, April 8.—Following a promise by Hon. Arthur Meighen, Acting Minister of Justice, that a Royal Commission will inquire into the Guelph novitiate affair, Sir Sam Hughes' resolution calling for an investigation by a Parliamentary Commission was withdrawn. The investigation will not begin until the return of Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, who was chiefly interested officially in the matter.

D. D. McKenzie expressed regret that the long discussion on the Guelph incident had taken place. He took the ground that it amounted to contempt of court to discuss the resolution after the Acting Minister of Justice had announced that there would be a judicial investigation.

### Failed to Report.

In connection with his announcement that a royal commission would be named to investigate the matter, Hon. Arthur Meighen said that a thorough inquiry had made it clear that none of the young men of the Novitiate were liable for military service. They all came within the exemption under the Military Service Act.

General Hughes said the Novitiate failed to report men for medical examination or under the Military Service Act for any purpose or to recognize in any way the authority of the provost marshal.

Dr. J. W. Edwards asked whether exemptions of the Novitiate were possession of exemption certificates.

The Minister of Militia replied that subsequent investigation showed that they were not.

Sir Sam asked if the Minister was aware how often military officers had asked for production of these documents previous to a raid.

General Mewburn said he understood they had been asked for.

Sir Sam: "Twenty times."

### No Certificate.

General Mewburn stated that Sir Sam Hughes had made special reference to the son of the Minister of Justice. He wished to state that his information was that this young man was not of military age and was medically unfit.

Sir Sam remarked that the young man was not in possession of a certificate of unfitness from the Military Board.

## NEW STORES ON THIRD AVENUE

Frizzell's Meat Market to go into  
New Building at Corner of  
Fulton Street.

While there are a number of residences planned and the program under the new building society will be inaugurated at once, most of the new buildings for which permits have been taken or applied for, have been for business purposes.

The latest announcement made is that George Frizzell has purchased the two lots on the corner of Third Ave. and Fulton Street where the Bank of B. N. A. stood and will proceed at once with the erection of a business block consisting of three commodious stores. The block will be 61 feet by 100 feet deep.

The corner store will be fitted up as a modern meat market, to which Frizzell's Market will be moved as soon as completed. This store will have a marble front and tiled floor and a large cold storage vault which will make it the most complete and up-to-date meat market on the coast.

William Bruce is drawing the plans which will be ready in a few days and work will commence on the building immediately.

### REPUBLIC PROCLAIMED.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Paris, April 9.—The Soviet republic of Bavaria was officially proclaimed today according to a despatch from Munich.

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## GRAND TRUNK STOCK RISING

Canadian Government's Offer to  
Railway Company Causes  
Stiffening on the Lon-  
don Market.

Montreal, April 8.—A most significant fact in connection with the acquisition of the Grand Trunk Railway by the Government, is that while the British interests claim to be very much dissatisfied with the offer made by the Government of Canada for the taking over of the road, the price of their shares on the London market immediately improved.

## ENEMY ABLE TO PAY 20,000,000,000 POUNDS

Commission to Inquire Into Possibility So Reported to British Government.

London, April 8.—In the Commons yesterday Claude Lowther confirmed the statement that a Commission comprising Premier Hughes of Australia, Mr. Henderson, Labor Leader, and the Right Hon. Walter Hume Long has been appointed by the late Government to inquire into the enemies' capacity to pay indemnities and had reported they could, if given time, pay £20,000,000,000 sterling.

## PREMIER AND PRESIDENT BOTH IN BED WHEN PEACE COUNCIL WAS ABOUT TO SIT

SESSION WAS HELD BY LLOYD GEORGE'S BEDSIDE WITH  
WILSON ABSENT—REPATRIATION WAS  
UNDER DISCUSSION AND CHIEF  
ISSUE SETTLED

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Paris, April 8.—The Peace Conference yesterday apparently reached a turning point between definite and speedy results and a further prolonged delay. There are indications toward action but new doubts began to appear as to whether the desired results could be accomplished within a fortnight, as Premier Lloyd George predicted.

The Council of Four were to have met at President Wilson's residence where the President was confined to bed. It developed, however, that Lloyd George became affected in a similar manner and was confined to his bed also. It was then determined to have the council meet at Lloyd George's residence and there the session took place at 3:30 p. m. with Premier Clemenceau, Premier Orlando and all the financial experts present.

Repatriation was again the chief issue and although settled in the main principle, a number of essential details will remain open.

## FRED MAYER'S DOGS WIN CUP RACE TODAY

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Nome, Alaska, April 8.—In record breaking time and for the third occasion Fred Mayer's dog team won the annual John Borden cup race today over the Cape Nome course.

## LONGSHOREMEN'S WAGES INCREASED 20C. HOUR

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Montreal, April 8.—Longshoremen and the Shipping Federation have entered into a new contract by which wages are increased fifteen cents an hour over the October rate and twenty cents an hour over the last contract rate for the summer of 1918.

### BIRTH

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Taylor of Port Essington, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on April 7, a son.

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## IMMIGRATION BILL EXTENDS RESTRICTIONS

Introduced Into House of Commons Yesterday by Hon. J. A. Calder.

Ottawa, April 8.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization introduced a Government Immigration bill. The measure will generally extend the restrictions on immigration and extends the time during which immigrants may be deported from three to five years.

Officials who may be in charge of Government boats will be responsible for the carrying out of the law just as are officials of ordinary transportation companies.

## POSTMEN DEMAND MONEY AND HOLIDAYS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, April 8.—Bearing the demands of 11,000 postal employees of Canada, a large petition will be laid before the postmaster general. It includes demands for an increased salary schedule and improved working conditions and a half holiday each week.

## LIFE OF A LOCAL MEDICO IN THE WILDS OF MESOPOTAMIA

DR. L. W. KERGIN TELLS SOMETHING OF HIS ADVENTURE  
UP THE TIGRIS RIVER ON THE SITE OF  
ANCIENT BABYLON

To have lived in Mesopotamia is not uncommon, and to have died in Mesopotamia is very commonplace, but to have lived and worked there for a long time, to have been down with typhoid and ague and then in the end to have cheated death and returned to Canada, is an exploit. That is what Dr. L. W. Kergin did, however, and he looks hale and hearty after his adventures. And yet he was there at a time when, owing to the surrender of General Townshend, affairs were somewhat disorganized, and what was left of the army had to shift for itself to a certain extent.

The doctor left here in March, 1916 and almost immediately after joining the C. A. M. C. transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps and it was with them he did all his army work. He lost no time in getting right into the thick of things and a little over two months from the time he left here, he arrived in Mesopotamia by way of England.

### With Indian Troops.

It was chiefly with the Indian troops that Dr. Kergin served. He was through practically all the fighting there was in 1916, going up-stream and doing duty at various points. At Mudeli he established a hospital with the mobile column and subsisted and with them lived almost wholly on the country, and yet they were eighty miles from the nearest tree, and that was a date palm.

Hot! Sizzling hot! There are few words that can describe what 125 degrees in the shade means. In Prince Rupert when the thermometer reaches eighty everyone wants to lie down and rest. It was under extreme conditions of temperature that the Royal Medicals worked out there on the banks of the Tigris in the land of Babylon of which everyone has read.

It was in 1917 that Dr. Kergin was taken with typhoid. In that year he returned to Canada for eleven days but he was soon on the job again running a hospital in connection with the advance base depot at Baghdad which work he continued until he was transferred to France. He was in Egypt when the Armistice was signed on November 11 last, and a few days afterwards he left for home by way of New York where he took a six weeks' post graduate course in the hospitals.

### Early Incident.

Dr. Kergin said it would take him weeks to recount his experiences. He told a News representative (Continued on Page Three).

## LIQUOR REFERENDUM IN QUEBEC PROVINCE ON THURSDAY NEXT

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Montreal, April 9.—A referendum on the liquor question will be submitted to 486,136 voters of the province of Quebec on Thursday next in 81 electoral districts, and both wets and dries are working strenuously to get out the vote.

In the last provincial election less than half the vote was polled and it is not expected that as many will vote for the referendum.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAY TO ENTER KAMLOOPS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Kamloops, April 9.—D. B. Hanna and the Canadian National Railway officials have completed arrangements with the city for the entrance of their tracks along front street. The line now stops on the other side of the river.

Miss Katherine Pillsbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pillsbury of this city, has been elected president of the Women's Undergraduate Society at the University of B. C. at Vancouver. This position is one of honor and only students of marked ability are chosen to fill it.

The body of the late James DesBrisay, who died at Port Simpson Hospital on Saturday, will be sent to Vancouver for burial this evening. His brother, Alexander, will accompany the remains and arrangements were made by the B. C. Undertakers. Mr. DesBrisay was well known in this district where he was engaged in the cannery business at Wales Island. He was 59 years of age.

The case of J. R. Morgan Ltd. vs. G. T. P. Steamship Co., Ltd., which was set down for trial in the County Court yesterday, was postponed until a later date.

Dr. Spencer, of Port Simpson, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on a short visit.

## ONE BIG UNION IS FAVORED IN WINNIPEG

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Winnipeg, April 8.—A referendum of members of the Trades and Labor Unions on the formation of "One Big Canadian Union" so far has been strongly in favor of the proposition. R. B. Russell of the Machinists announced the taking of the vote would be continued this week.

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TOMORROW—14th Episode "Mystery of the Double Cross" and Bessie Love in "The Great Adventure"