

# MAKING UP THE DEFICIT.

## Lloyd George's British Budget Increases Taxes.

### Income Tax Higher and License Tax Higher.

### Many Social Reforms Outlined—Stock Exchange Hit.

London, May 3.—Mr. David Lloyd-George's budget, which was presented to Commons today, doesn't affect the British taxpayer merely. It has an interest for all the world, as an evidence on a disposition on the part of the British Government to push the doctrine of State aid to limits hitherto considered outside the domain of practical politics in this country. It is domestic in the incidence of its taxation, but it is of world-wide importance in its legislative proposals. Mr. Lloyd-George's speech took four and a half hours in actual delivery, and when he sat down, exhausted, there was a conspicuous absence of that cheering which usually rewards the great annual effort of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer. The House sat silent. The budget proposals for 1909-10 had taken its breath away.

**SOCIAL REFORMS FORESHADOWED.**  
The social reforms which Mr. Lloyd-George seeks to introduce in Britain are based, in the main, on German experience, though the idea of setting aside £1,000,000 for labor exchanges for both skilled and unskilled labor is borrowed from France. There is to be a State insurance against loss of employment. The Board of Trade is developing a scheme under which only deserving workmen out of work will benefit. A vast scheme was outlined by which the State will add in the allotment of natural resources, and a definite proposal was made to grant £200,000 to start afforestation, and for the reclamation of waste lands and the encouragement of small agricultural holdings.

### REPEAL OF THE FISCAL SYSTEM.

The new taxation, by which the estimated deficit of nearly £16,000,000 is to be made good, is the most comprehensive scheme of the British fiscal system since the first free trade budget over sixty years ago. The Chancellor's proposals embody almost all the schemes which have been advanced in radical programmes for the past twenty years. The list includes a tax on income of over £5,000, a tax on mining royalties, a tax on urban undeveloped land, a tax on unguilted minerals, a tax on the unearned increment in land, increased death duties, and a tax on stock exchange speculation. The whiskey duty is increased by one-third; the tobacco duty is increased eight pence per pound; there is also an increased tax on motor cars.

Fearing that the tax on tea and sugar would be increased, the importers of these commodities have been rushing huge quantities out of bond lately, but there is no new taxation in this direction. "We ought to avoid taxes on the necessities of life," said Mr. Lloyd-George in his speech.

The Stock Exchange received the news that the taxation on all its transactions will be practically doubled with dismay. The principal brokers said they would drive much of the business to Paris. A member of one of the leading foreign loan-making houses in London said the tax on bonds would be disastrous, and the Government might find it advisable to make the issue of the new issues in Paris instead of part in London and part in Paris as at present.

### WHAT HE PREACHED.

Motor manufacturers, brewers and distillers are naturally loud in their lament. William Harris, chairman of the Carlton and Ritz Hotels, said: "The licensed trade cannot possibly bear any more taxation. The ordinary share capital employed in the large hotels in London doesn't today return more than three or four per cent."

Commentation for "Mr. Lloyd-George comes from the Labor party, one member of which said: "The Chancellor kept faith with the nation. He has preached what he preached." The Conservative papers call it an amazing budget.

### INCREASE IN INCOME TAX.

Mr. Lloyd-George proposed to provide the necessary additional revenue as follows: By reducing the amount placed in the sinking fund by £2,000,000, and by a revision of the income tax and estate duties. The tax on unearned incomes will be increased twopence to one shilling and twopence in the pound, and the tax on earned incomes over £2,000 will be raised to one shilling. Persons earning under £500 a year are granted a special new abatement of £10 for every child under sixteen years of age. On incomes exceeding £5,000 a year there is to be a surtax of sixpence in the pound. It is estimated that the extra yield from the income tax will be £2,000,000, while the surtax is expected to bring in a full year, £2,200,000. But the income from this source is estimated for the current year at only £3,000,000.

### DEATH AND STAMP DUTIES.

With regard to the death duties the minimum and maximum rates remain unchanged, but there will be an increase in the intervening scale estimated to yield an additional revenue of £2,500,000. It is calculated that a revision of the legacy and succession duties will produce an additional revenue of £1,750,000. Another proposal is an increase on a sliding scale of the stamp duties on share transactions, calculated to yield an extra £1,000,000.

The alterations in the stamp duties include the increase from ten shillings to the present rate, to twenty shillings per cent. on the transfers and sales of property, including the methods of disposing of property formerly adopted with the object of escaping the death duties. There is a similar increase in the rate for the transfer of "bearer" securities, except colonial and Government securities, while the stamp duties on the transferring of other stocks and shares are raised to sums varying from sixpence to two shillings. Two shillings will be charged for a transfer of an aggregate value between £50 and £1,000, while two shillings more are added for every additional £1,000.

### LIQUOR LICENSES INCREASED.

The liquor licenses are increased, and from this source it is estimated that the additional revenue will amount to £2,000,000. Another proposal is to tax

land values and mineral royalties. It is estimated that these will yield this year £300,000, and increase annually. It is intended that the tax on land values shall be twenty per cent. on future increases. Tea and sugar remain unchanged. The increase in the duties on spirits, with a customs excise of 45 pence per gallon, is expected to produce additional revenues of £1,600,000. It is proposed also to increase the duty on manufactures from three shillings to three shillings and eightpence a pound, and to make an equivalent addition to the duties on cigars, cigarettes and manufactured tobacco. Together these sources are expected to yield a total revenue of £1,900,000 a year.

### DEPENDENT ON THE LORDS.

London, May 3.—Accumulated wealth and "the trade," which the liquor business is popularly called, are in the budget presented to the House of Commons today by Mr. David Lloyd-George, made to bear the burden of the fiscal year incurred by the old-age pensions and the race with Germany for Dr. Baumbach.

"Socialism and confiscation" the wealthy classes already are crying, and a few are clutching at the hope that the House of Lords, which represents the landed classes, may throw out the budget entirely, but this is improbable.

### OPPOSITION COMMENT.

The first comments of the members of both parties indicated astonishment at the number and the sweeping nature of the changes in the country's financial system.

"The maddest budget ever introduced," Sir Frederick George Banbury termed it during the course of a speech in which he declared that the new budget included every fad on the face of the earth.

Amston Chamberlain denounced it for imposing so large a proportion of the nation's burdens on a few people by different degrees. John Robinson, leader of the Irish party, asserted that the whiskey tax imposed another burden on Ireland which the Nationalists would resist by every means. The increase in the tax on tobacco, he declared, would be a cruel hardship to the poor of Ireland.

### THE CHANCELLOR EXHAUSTED.

The delivery of the budget speech was marred by an unprecedented incident. After speaking for three hours the Chancellor showed evident signs of exhaustion, but pluckily declined Premier Asquith's whispered suggestion that he take a rest.

Soon after, however, his voice growing continually weaker, the Chancellor was obliged to ask the indulgence of the House, which adjourned for half an hour. On resuming his speech Mr. Lloyd-George showed decided improvement, but when he finished he sank into his seat, greatly overcome by the unusual strain.

# WAS MURDERED.

## Coroner's Jury Verdict on Death of Mary Smith.

Toronto despatch: That Mary E. Smith came to her death at St. Michael's Hospital on April 17 from tuberculosis "induced by injuries feloniously, wilfully and maliciously inflicted by the deceased, John Smith, on or about Nov. 12, 1908," was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury last night after having been out for about twenty minutes, at the third session of the inquest, which had been conducted by Coroner Scott Gouin at Cobalt on or about Nov. 12, 1908. The case was the one in which Mary Smith, with another woman, living in a house on the outside, was seriously injured and recovered. The deceased had been beaten over the head most brutally with an axe, was taken care of for a while in Cobalt, then brought to Toronto, where in St. Michael's Hospital, she died on April 17.

As Gouin, who is now being held in No. 10 Bay, on a charge of murder, was said to have admitted having committed the assault, the evidence taken last night was only such as to show the cause of the woman's death.

# GOUIN MAY RETIRE.

## Intimates That Course When Ungava is Annexed.

Montreal, May 3.—A statement made by Premier Gouin during the debate on the annexation of Ungava, which generally escaped unnoticed at the time, is being taken up by many members of the legislature as being of special importance. He said: "I am looking forward with keen anticipation to the consummation of the project of the annexation of that great and fertile country. After this has been accomplished, I shall be able to withdraw, happy in the consciousness that before doing so, I have made every sacrifice larger and happier." The obvious conclusion is that Sir L. Gouin will then resign the premiership and probably accept a seat on the bench.

# NEW MINISTERS.

## Eighty Queen's Students Preparing For the Ministry.

Kingston despatch: At St. Andrew's Church to-night twelve theological graduates of Queen's were licensed, viz.: W. C. Jackson, B. A.; McLaren's Deputy; R. C. Jackson, B. A.; Peaton, N. S.; T. J. Dewitt, B. A.; Campbell's Cross, Ont.; J. R. McCrimmon, B. A.; Vankleek Hill; H. D. McQuig, B. A.; Daiston; J. R. McDonald; M. A. Galspie; J. L. Nicol, M. A.; Jarvis; D. C. Ramsay, M. A.; Plattville; L. E. Sully, B. A.; Ottawa; J. R. Uiquhart, B. A.; Maitland; John Galloway, Scotland; J. P. Douglas, Douglastown, Sask.

There are at present eighty Queen's students preparing for the Presbyterian ministry. Other Presbyterian colleges of Canada contain the following: Toronto, 20; Halifax, 12; Montreal, 11; Winnipeg, 5; or a total of sixty, an increase over last year.

# SANK IN WHITEFISH BAY.

## Unknown Steamer Went Down—Crew Escaped on Ice.

Detroit despatch: A Free Press special from St. Marie, Mich., reports the sinking of an unknown steamer, about 400 feet long, in Whitefish Bay today. Captain Boyce, of the steamer George W. Peavy, reported that the crew of the sinking steamer were seen walking over the ice to another vessel, which had been caught in the ice.

# STORK VISITS HOLLAND'S PALACE

## Queen Wilhelmina Gave Birth to a Princess—Dutch Gone Wild With Delight.



QUEEN WILHELMINA AND HUSBAND.

The Hague cable: Queen Wilhelmina gave birth to a daughter this morning. The condition of Her Majesty is most satisfactory; the infant princess is doing well, and Holland is celebrating the happy event from one end of the country to the other with expressions of joy and gratification such as seldom before have been witnessed on the part of this placid people. The political significance of the occurrence lies in the fact that there is now an heir to the throne of the Netherlands, a circumstance that very greatly enhances the chances of the country for continued independence.

Every town and village in Holland is today celebrating the long-awaited birth of a child to Her Majesty with demonstrations of satisfaction. The Queen was married to Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin on Feb. 7, 1901. On two previous occasions the hopes of the people for an heir to the throne has been disappointed, a fact that makes the rejoicings of today all the more heartfelt. Here in the capital, in spite of the heavy downpour of rain, the streets are gayly decorated, and great crowds are passing to and fro, showing their gratification. The people read eagerly the special sheets issued free by the newspapers announcing the happy event.

The announcement occurred at 7 o'clock. Owing to the early hour the contemplated salute was not fired, and the first persons outside the royal palace to hear the news were a party of workmen passing the residence of the

keepers have come to me from time to time as Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association and asked me for advice. In the case of Mr. McCoggin I agreed to see the Chief of Police with him, as it certainly seemed hard that he should be prosecuted twice for the same offense. We saw the Chief; I stated the facts as I saw them.

**INTERCEDED IN OTHER CASES.**  
Questioned by Mr. A. Germain, counsel for Alderman Proulx, Alderman Lapointe admitted that he had interceded with the chief in two other cases, one of Lapointe and Nevin. It was in regard to "first offenders only." His advice was always "obey the law," and when a man offered twice he would do nothing for him, but always advised prosecution.

Commissioner Cannon said he was ready to fix a special day for the hearing of the evidence in the \$2,000,000 loan affair, which is going to be investigated at the request of Mr. Jules Helbrunner. Judge Cannon also ordered all minutes of the meetings of the Finance Committee and the Police Committee to be submitted to the court.

# ARE SAFE.

## Missionaries and Mission in Adana and Hadjin All Right.

## Russian Relief Force at Tabriz and Succor People.

Boston, May 3.—A cable announcing that order had been restored in Hadjin and Adana, in Asia Minor, was received from Rev. W. W. Peet, treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions in Constantinople, at the American board's headquarters in this city today.

The cablegram lifted a great weight of anxiety from the shoulders of the board officials, inasmuch as the situation in Adana and Hadjin had been considered most perilous for the past two weeks.

According to the despatch all the missionaries and the missions are safe.

**FOOD FOR STARVING.**  
Tabriz, Persia, May 3.—The advance guard of the Russian expedition under Gen. Sarsky that left Jolfa, on the frontier, a few days ago to relieve this beleaguered city, entered the gates this morning. It brought supplies for the starving people. Its progress was contested, but not seriously.

**LIVE STOCK BURNED.**  
Salem, Ont., despatch: The barn of John Barber, near here, was struck by lightning this morning at 10 o'clock and burned to the ground, together with 45 head of cattle, 6 horses and some sheep. The fire was so rapid nothing was saved. Loss about five thousand dollars. Insured for small amount.

# THE MINERS.

## A Three Years' Agreement Signed at Philadelphia.

### Is Practically the Same as the One Signed Three Years Ago.

Philadelphia, May 3.—Peace between the mine workers and operators in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania is assured for another period of three years, the agreement continuing in force until March 31, 1912. The award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission was signed in the board room of the Reading Company here today by the committee of seven on behalf of the mine owners and a similar committee representing the workers. With the exception of five added stipulations suggested by the miners, the agreement is identical with the one signed in 1909, three years ago. The conference was a harmonious affair and ended with everybody happy.

Following the conference, E. S. McCullough, National Vice-President of the union, who represented President Lewis, said the concessions made by the operators were not as great in pecuniary value as they were in moral effect. The agreement shows, he said, that the anthracite operators and mine workers have a better understanding of one another.

# THE BIG STORM.

## TOWER OF CHATHAM COLLEGE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

### Petrolia Town Hall Also Struck and Clock Stopped—Railways Tied Up in Various Sections and Trains Delayed.

Guelph despatch: The snowstorm of today, from the agricultural standpoint, is the climax to a series of most backward spring seasons in many years. Once in the twenty years' experience of Prof. Zavitz, head of the experimental department of the Ontario Agricultural College, has there been such retarded growth in spring and the conditions of today are unique in that period of time. Seeding at this time of the month of April should be well under way, and now it has hardly been started, while the prospects are for a still further delay.

"The other season which compared with this was some years ago, when the seeding did not commence until the first of May. This year promises to be little, any, better," said the professor, but he did not by any means take a pessimistic view of the crop outlook throughout the Province. "The weather of the next few weeks," he explains, "is more to do with the conditions than the cold weather of the past. On the occasion of the other late season, when seeding commenced the first of May, it was feared that there would be no crops at all. But the weather became fine and warm and the crops were quite up to the average. I confidentially hope for the same condition of affairs this summer."

**STORM NOT HARMFUL.**  
"Is the snowstorm to-day doing any harm?" he was asked.

"Well, not particularly. It is, of course, delaying the growth, but is doing little real harm. The winter wheat and clover crops are of course, backward as a result of the weather, but they are in good shape, and this storm should not damage them to any serious extent. If the weather is to be cold, the snow is a protection against the winter crops." Prof. Zavitz then expressed the hope of the agriculturists throughout the Province that the weather may change to something more seasonal and hot on the belated season and the retarded crops.

**VARIETY AT CHATHAM.**  
Chatham despatch: A combination blizzard and thunder storm hit Chatham last night. Snow fell to the unusual depth of more than six inches, and the temperature about freezing. The snow ceased falling about 6 o'clock, but the wind continued. Several thunderclaps this afternoon added a strange feature to the storm. The recent mild weather had been doing the City the fruit trees, and if the freezing weather continues much harm will be done. Seeding operations will be delayed.

**SLEIGHS AND CUTTERS OUT.**  
Woodstock despatch: As heavy a snowstorm as Woodstock saw all last winter occurred last night and is still raging this morning.

Nearly a foot of snow has fallen, driven westward by the high wind, and sleighs and cutters are to be seen on the streets.

The old inhabitants say they never saw anything like it before at this late period of the spring.

**CITY HALL WAS INJURED.**  
Petrolia despatch: This morning early a bad snow and lightning storm struck the town, damaging the City Hall and putting the town clock out of business. The fire brigade soon extinguished the flames. The building is insured.

**TRAINS DELAYED BY STORM.**  
Tillsonburg despatch: There was a very heavy snowfall here during the night, and this afternoon the ground in and about the town is covered with snow to a depth of ten or twelve inches, and sleighs and cutters are in use.

The morning trains on the G. T. R. and M. C. R. were delayed by the snow.

# JOS. PHILLIPS.

## Toronto despatch: T. C. Robinette, H. C. Went to Ottawa last night to see Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice, with reference to the case of Walter Blythe, who has been sentenced to be hanged for the murder of his wife at Agincourt.

While he is here he will also present a petition for the release of Joseph Phillips, of York County Loan fund, who has served two years of his sentence.

"The petition for his release has been very widely signed," said Mr. Robinette, "and I hope the Minister of Justice will grant him his release on parole."

# AWFUL FIRE

## IN NEW YORK.

### Eight Persons Burned to Death in Black Hand Blaze.

### Tenement Fired Because \$1,000 Was Not Forthcoming.

### Police Clubbed Men to Save Women and Children.

New York, May 3.—Eight persons five of them children, were burned to death and fourteen others were injured, some of them fatally, in an incendiary fire in a five-story tenement house at 37 Spring street, occupied by twenty Italian families, early today.

The blaze followed a demand by members of a so-called Black Hand Society for the payment of \$1,000 blackmail. It spread through the building with startling rapidity, as the hallways were soaked with kerosene oil by the black-mailers.

In a panic which followed the alarm the tenants fought their way down the fire escapes or jumped from the windows, while babies were thrown from windows into the arms of policemen on the sidewalk. The dead are: Anna Debonis, aged 2; Antonietta Debonis, aged 2; Dominick Puzelli, aged 22; Cosettina Piccina, aged 20; Stephen Belva, aged 2; an unidentified man and an unidentified boy.

Of the injured, six, of whom three are children, are not expected to recover.

Jacob Bruck, the proprietor of a grocery store on the main floor of the building, received on April 18 a letter reading: "We demand \$1,000 or death. Bring it in Mott street. Petrosino is dead, but the Black Hand lives. (Signed) Black Hand Society."

On Monday last Bruck received another letter written in a similar strain. He turned both letters over to the police.

The alarm was spread by the firing of a volley of revolver shots from the windows of the burning building. Policemen who, responding, burst in the main door, found the hallway saturated with kerosene and blazing fiercely. Two half emptied cans of kerosene were found on the stairs. The frightened tenants fled to the roof, or through the fire escapes in the rear, which were clogged with obstacles. Men and women were fighting for a way down the escapes, when the police went up and aided them, and entering the rooms brought out several unconscious persons. In the scramble several tenants were injured by falling from the escapes, and the police had to club the men to save the women and children. The loss was about \$10,000.

# HELD UP TRAIN.

## Robbers Threaten Train Hands and Rifle Cars.

Hauser Junction, Idaho, May 3.—Two highwaymen late last night held up and robbed a Northern Pacific passenger train three miles east of this place. The robbers cut the engine and one mail car from the train, shot twice at the fireman, ordering him from the engine, put a revolver to Engineer Whitley's head and compelled him to send the engine ahead.

The other bandit took the place of the fireman and as they passed through Hauser he was throwing coal into the fire box in an experienced manner.

Officials in Spokane and Rathdrum promptly were informed and while the mail car was being robbed later at a point between Trent and Yardley, passengers forming on either side of the bandits to overhaul them. The engine and mail car ran by the signals in Trent, ten miles east of Spokane, and had not appeared in Yardley up to the time of writing.

# BODY FOUND.

## The Remains of Farmer Jerry Clerk Badly Mutilated.

Belleville, Ont., despatch: Late last evening the body of Jerry Clerk, who with his wife, went through the county bridge over Black Creek, on Monday last, with a team of horses, was found about half a mile below the bridge. The remains were badly mutilated. The body was found in a hole in the ground, and fears are entertained that it was carried into the Moira river, and into the Bay of Quinte. Coroner Harper, of Madoc, has ordered an inquest to be held on Wednesday.

# ANDREW CARNEGIE

## Is Not a Well Man—He is Going South For a Big Rest.

London, May 3.—Andrew Carnegie left today for Naples.

The Scotch steel king and world-wide distributor of libraries and philanthropist is not well.

The Laird of Sibo will spend the summer touring the Mediterranean in a palatial yacht which he has just purchased.

A visit to the Holy Land is contemplated in an effort to avoid all affairs pertaining to business or giving away his hard earned savings. "I want to get a big rest," the magnate is quoted as saying.

# BOUND GIRL PHONES

## Wiggles to Instrument and Sends in a Burglar Alarm.

New York, May 3.—Imprisoned in a chair, with tightly bound ropes securing her wrists and ankles, Mrs. L. Mann, wife of Dr. Charles M. Mann, who lives in the Stamford Apartments at 355 West 111th street, watched a robber strip her rooms of everything portable in the broad daylight of yesterday afternoon. The moment he had disappeared she wriggled her way, chair and all, despite her bonds, to a table where there was a telephone, knocking the receiver from its hook with her elbow, called for help.

Her action was the more heroic inasmuch as she is only 21 years old, but when the police arrived, as they did in five minutes, she fell into a swoon, and was understood, she fell into a swoon after another. It was only the return of her husband that prevented her being taken to a hospital in an ambulance which had been already summoned. Meantime only a cursory investigation was necessary to show that the daring burglar had left virtually nothing of value in the place.

# CHAUFFEUR KILLED.

## Taxicab Was Struck by Train at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 3.—Wm. Adams, a chauffeur for the Bergdoll Taxicab Co., was instantly killed and two occupants of the vehicle were seriously injured at 3 o'clock this morning by being struck by a train on the Reading Railway. The accident occurred at the Ninth avenue crossing of the railroad. The names of the two men injured are Andrew Donnelly, aged 28, and Willard Kerr, aged 49 years. Both are suffering from contusions and lacerations. The gate tender at the crossing was lowering the gates and the taxicab endeavored to cross ahead of the train.

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The Chinese preserve vegetables in salt.

# WOMAN ASSAULTED.

## David Keating, of Guelph, Found Guilty of Offence.

Guelph despatch: The city was stirred yesterday over an assault committed early on Tuesday evening on Waterloo avenue, one of the main streets, upon a young woman domestic in the household of Sheriff Allan. It followed an incident of a similar nature the previous night in another part of the city, and other complaints have been made. Yesterday the police arrested David Keating, a young man, on a charge of indecent assault for the Waterloo avenue affair, and upon this he was convicted. He had stepped up to the young lady, and when told his company was not desired, followed her until the residence of Sheriff Allan was reached. Here she attempted to run upstairs, but he overtook her and attempted to hold her, until a light in the house entrance scared him away. In remanding the prisoner for a week Magistrate Saunders said that the limit of the law appeared not severe enough for such a case, and he told Keating he deserved to be publicly flogged.

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