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It Gave the Award to An American Company When the Imperial Oil Company of Canada Tendered at \$2,916 Less For the Same Material

Something in the nature of a sen- | of analysis, and also that if the labels sation has been caused in Kingston were taken off the samples, and if by the action of the Board of any qualified chemist could tell which Works in regard to the acceptance was which, he would bear the expense of tenders for asphalt cement for of the test. He also made this same

Board of Works on Monday after not asked to put his offer in writing. noon recommended the acceptance of a tender made by the United terson, who also admitted that he was States Asphalt Company for three not an expert judge of asphalt. At hundred tons, more or less, of asphalt cement. The tender of this on Monday afternoon, the city clerk company was \$2,916 more than the had read the tenders, and that certender of the Imperial Oil Com- tain members of the board seemed to pany, and it is claimed that their have some knowledge of the subproduct is just as good as the other, having been used in Toronto, opinion that the objection taken to Montreal and other large cities in Canada. At the meeting of council on Monday the recommendation of the Board of Works was accepted with little discussion, but owing to their action the matter has been reconsidered, and the contract has been held up.

hensive statement of the facts of that it would be risky to make any the case. Mr. Gray, who is an en- | change gineer and chemist on the staff of phalt Company, John Morris, the men. Kingston to investigate the awardfor doing so were that the company is a local taxpayer, that it is a Canadian company operating in Montreal East and employing Canadian labor, that the product of the two companies is exactly identical in every way, and the Imperial Oil Company's price was \$9.72 a ton less than that of the United States Asphalt Company. With these facts in mind they felt that there must be some great misunderstanding in Kingston.

Interviews Aldermen. in his opinion, was the most suit- phalt they propose to deliver, able material. He told the representatives of the company that he a marked cheque made payable to had said that any one of three ma- the city treasurer for five per cent, of terials, of which the Imperial the amount of the tender. The low-Oil Company's asphalt was one, would be suitable for the purpose intended. Mr. Gray asked him the name of the aldermen on the Board of Works, and, on being sample of their product, their tender 5,000 and 8,000 men, but forced ham, chairman of the board. The latter was not at home, being at a meeting in the city hall, and Mr. Gray was therefore unable to in-

terview him immediately. He then called on Ald. D .Couper, but was unable to see him, as he was indisposed and was confined to per cent. of the tender price. his room. He succeeded, however in obtaining an interview with Ald. Norris on Tuesday afternoon. Ald. Norris said that be personally was not qualified to be a judge of asphalt, but that he understood from what was said at the meeting of the Board of Works that the United States Asphalt Company's phoduct was the one generally favored. As he was not qualified to judge for himself, he accepted that view, and voted accord- may desire. We also attach certified of the commission since the coveningly. The representative of the company informed Ald. Norris that while it was only natural for a salesman to window-dress his own product, in this case there was no difference in the two samples. The natural raw material was the same, the source of supply in both compantes was Mexico, the same field, the refining process was exactly identical, product, produced in Canada and em- He Was Formerly Provincial Secreonly the Imperial Oil Company's pro- ploying Canadian labour, which is a duct was refined in their five million dollar factory in Montreal, and that the two samples could not be told apart. He offered to make an agreement in writing that if after analysis by any qualified chemist there was found to be any difference in the two materials, he would may the cost -----

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offer to the members of Board of The facts of the case are that the Works at a special meeting, but was Mr. Gray then called on Ald. Patthe meeting of the Board of Works -

was that the word bitumen was not included in the analysis. Some of the members thought that this was the vigorous objections raised to a serious matter, and that an inferfor product might be shipped to the The Polish forces lave Compelled the city, and that no redress would b possible. Another reason for giving On Thursday morning a repre- the contract to the United States sentative of the Whig interviewed company was that their material had Messrs. Gray and Hogan, represent- been used for some time and had MI ing the Imperial Oil Company, and been giving satisfactory service. was given a very clear and compre- Therefore, the general opinion was

Mr. Gray showed Ald. Patterson the company, stated that on hear- | the analyses submitted with the tending that the contract had been er, and explained to him the awarded to the United States As- definition of the word bitulocal manager of the Imperial Oil the members of the board had been Company, notified Mr. Hogan of conversant with analyses of asphalt that fact, whereupon the latter im- | they would have known the percentmediately made arrangements for age of bitumen in the tender from the Mr. Gray and himself to come to analyses put in by the Imperial Oil Co., Limited. had stated definitely the percentage of bitumen in the sample submitted.

The Call for Tenders.

Around this letter seems to hinge the whole transaction, for on no occasion, as far as can be learned, was it ever read to the Board of Works! nor shown to any of the aldermen. sent out the following letter calling

On arriving in the city they call- by the city clerk up to three o'clock heads at Cologne and Mayence reed upon the city engineer to ascer- | p.m., March 11th, for three hundred spectively. The French were retain what steps were taken on re- tons, more or less, exclusive of pack- ported to have entered Frankfort. ceipt of the various tenders. The ages, of refined asphalt for street as- | Mannheim is south of Mayenco engineer stated that he had simply phalt pavements, delivered in bar- bridgehead area, but is directly on been asked to tabulate the tenders, rels or drums f.o.b. Kingston, duty the east bank of the Rhine, where of which there were seven, and paid, in car foad lots as required, it is joined by Neckar. Karlsruhe is that he had not been asked to make Tenderer to submit with their tend- about five miles east of the Rhine. any recommendation as to which, er a sample and analysis of the as- There have been no reports of dis-

> "Tenders must be accompanied by recently. est or any tender not necessarily ac-1 cepted. (Signed) W. W. Sands."

In reply to this letter the Imperial and an analysis, accompanied by the

herewith our tender for three hun- Isthmus of Perekop leading to the dred tons of asphalt cement, togeth- Crimea. er with our marked cheque for five "Samples of our asphalt have al-

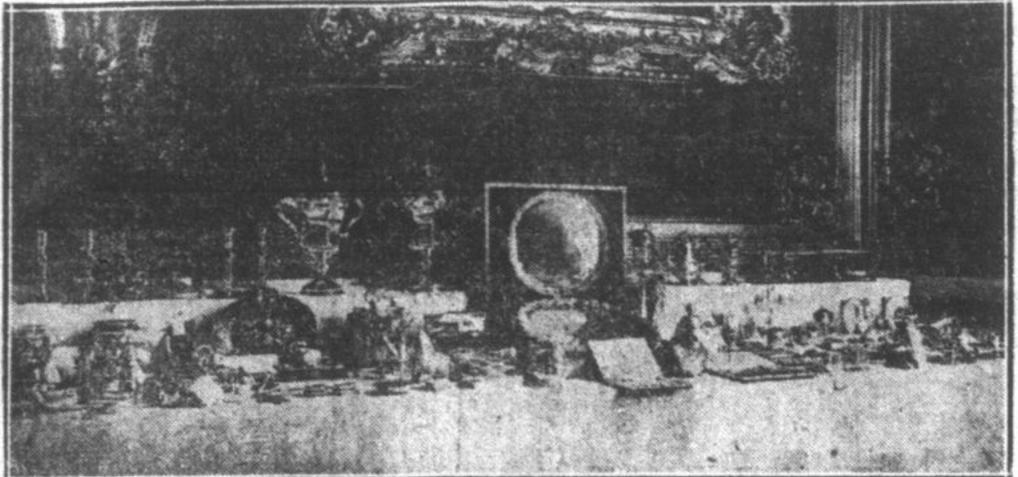
ready been submitted to you. "In addition, we attach certified analysis of two representative samples of asphalt cement, namely, Imtion of the material.

The letter then goes on to detail which have taken definite form. various methods of delivery and points out that the product on which they tendered is a Canadian made

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PRINCESS PATRICIA'S WEDDING PRESENTS. A view of some of the six hundred presents on view at St. James' Palace, London.

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Bolsheviki to Retire.

BOLSHEVIKI-THE

The British and French Have Advanced Their Outposts at Cologne and Mayence, Berlin Re-

FRENCH RETIRE.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Copenhagen, March 20.-Bolshevik troops under the pressure of removed. ing of the contract. Their reasons also said that in a letter sent to the Polish forces have been compelled city clerk along with the tender helto retire and evacuate Pinsk, 100 miles east of Brest-Litovsk, ac- to Canada. cording to a despatch from War-

> Newspapers adds that the French also occupied Rheinau, five miles south of Mannheim and Whinhafen. . A Berlin despatch received Monday said that reports had been re-On February 20th the city clerk ceived there that the British and "Sealed tenders will be received posts from the limits of their bridge tously and whole-heartedly, orders in Mannheim and Karlsruhe

> > Held by Bolshevists.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, March 20.-Virtually all of Ukraine is now in the hands of the Bolsheviki. In heavy fightthe French garrison, after fierce following letter, dated March 10th, fighting, to withdraw to Odessa by the sea. Further east advices add "We have pleasure in attaching the Bolshevik have reached the

TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS.

To the Proposed Plan of the League of Nations.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Paris, March 20 .- The meeting of perial Asphalt fifty to fifty-five pene- the league of mations' commission tration, and Imperial Paving Asphalt, will be held at ten o'clock Saturday sixty to sixty-five penetration. As morning when all the proposed amstated in our tender, we will agree endments and changes will be conto furnish the asphalt cement of any sidered and the plan put into definite penetration that your city engineer form. This will be the first meeting statement covering method of manu- ant was adopted the day before facture or of refining and produc- President Wilson left for America. and it will consider proposals sub-"We guarantee it at least 99.8 per mitted at the hearing of neutrals today and also any other suggestions

HON. W. J. HANNA DEAD.

tary of Ontario. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Toronto, March 20 .- Hon. W. J. of the Standard Oil Company, for- summer. mer food controller for Canada and one time provincial secretary of Ontario, died to-day in Augusta, est ministers.

some time ago. Death followed a as those of the British navy. stroke. He was born in 1862.

Want a Fine Game. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Toronto, March 20 .- Secretary W. A. Hewitt, of the Ontario Hockey Asnight. The Patricias may be asked + accounts are being opened be- money, and not on British loans. to-day to default their second game of riages which has struck the beauth Lumber at Cost for New Farmers.

And give the Woodstocks an opportional opportion of the control of the control opportion opportion of the control opportion opportion opportion opportion opportion of the control opportion oppor

on the Side.

14—Sporting News: Jess Willard the Commons that people of the country demand Union Government must stay with its job until they have complete the Central of the Central of

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pointed and Pithy

Damages in the latest revolt in Berlin will aggregate a million and a half dellars.

Hockey: U.T.S., 14; Regina, This game was for the Canadian junior championship. The Government has consented to

the resumption of racing in France The date for the election of dele- \$30,546,900 FOR HARBORS beginning on May 5th. gates to the Hungarian national assembly has been fixed for April 13th.

The French demand that the west Large Amounts Are Proposed bank of the Rhine be severed from Germany, as the only safeguard to France.

All obstacles in the way of the incorporation of the League of Nations into the peace treaty have been A report is in circulation that Sir

George Perley, high commissioner to Great Britain, will resign and return

had resigned, which was current in Paris on Wednesday, is denied in official quarters.

persons were arrested. The conservatives members of the Ontario legislature have promised will be chargeable to capital ac-French had advanced their out- support to Premier Hearst unanim- count.

at ten million marks. Twenty-four

Belgian delegates have presented the official request of Belgium that Brussels should be chosen as the seat of the League of Nations. non-Bolsheviki forces, having

defeated by Soviet troops, have retir-The United States Navy Depart-

It is suggested, as a happy way of treating the situation, to extend to Alsace-Lorraine, for a time, a

certain form of autonomy, under French protection.

twelve miles, taking many prisoners million is to be voted to immigra- and directed that Mr. Foran should nounced to-day. The fight is exand war material. thousand enthusiastic citizens gave include the expenditures in connecroyal welcome to the Princess Pats, tion with land settlement for sol-

Canada's great fighting unit. Prac- diers for which the sum of twentyticulty all business was suspended. | five million dollars is to be voted. Three shillings a week increase Another large proposed expenditure and an eight-hour day grant to the is \$22,763,420 provided the depart-British miners, is the final report of ment of soldiers' civil re-establish-

that this will prevent a strike. E. D. Hand, Fenelon Falls, is dead returned men. aged eighty-seven years. He was a Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Falls, and established a number of weekly papers.

Racing After Peace Signed. Ottawa, March 20.-Unless the Peace Conference unduly wastes its time, the King's Plate will be run at the Woodbine at the usual date.

Parliament will take no action in regard to the matter, and the orderin-Council which bans racing will be allowed to lapse as soon as peace is does my father want with more?" officially declared. This means that was the reply of John D. Rockfeller, the half-mile tracks, as well as the Jr., yesterday to the charges that the Hanna, head of the Canadian end big rings, will be in full swing this motive back of his support of prohi-

Canadians To Share. Florida. Mr. Hanna was one of the clamation dealing with the distribu- port is right and proper," he continulate Sir James P. Whitney's strong- tion of prize money to the fleet pro- ed. vides that members of the Canadian Mr. Hanna went to Augusta, Geor- navy who performed service at sea his father had given about \$350,000 gla, accompanied by his physicial are included on exactly the same basis in the last twenty years to further

* MONTHLY PAY ROLL

occeptode to the total occupant of the rest

Were Brought Down on Wednesday By Sir Thomas White.

General Allenby, commander of the THIS SHOULD GIVE A GREAT British forces in Egypt, has arrived DEAL OF WORK. in Paris to advise the Supreme Coun-

Soldiers' Aid-The War Expendi-

brought down in the Commons Sir Thomas White yesterday after-

is \$437,679,071, an increase A rumor that Premier Clemenceau \$137,996,832 over the expenditures of the year which is just closing. The largest increase is in public The Munich police have discover- works which will be largely in coned a plot to steal army goods valued nection with harbor improvements The sum to be expended on such works is \$30,546,900, all of which

> Of the total proposed expenditure \$85,893,581 will be chargeable to capital account and \$351,785,490 to consolidated revenue account.

Very large expenditures are A Russian wireless despatch says again to be made in connection with railways. The amount to be appropriated is \$50.896,681, which is an ed toward Odessa, from north of that increase of over twenty-three million, dollars as compared with the current fiscal year. The remainder ment states that the British Governo of the capital expenditure of five

The estimates tabled are exclu- per annum. sive of war expenditure, which will be covered by a special vote.

The amount provided for the coal commission. It is hoped ment, which includes the amount to be devoted to vocational training of

Miscellaneous public works votes veteran journalist of Port Hope, includes \$25,000 for a monument to An additional \$2,000,000 will be voted in connection with the con-Buildings at Ottawa,

THINKS HE HAS ENOUGH.

What Do I Want With More Cash?" Asks John D. Jr.

Chicago, March 20 .- "What do want with more money-or what bition was the exploitation of labor.

"My support of temperance is due to an inherited habit and to the fun-Ottawa, March 20 .- A royal pro- damental principle that "such sup-

Young Rockfeller declared he and the cause of prohibition.

Cannot Extend Credits to Canada. London, March 20 .- Canada is expected to meet her loans in the 4 British market as they fall due. IS \$12,000,000 + About twenty million becomes due + in June. The British claim that if Ottawa, March 20 .- The pay- + Canada can offer credits to Euromaster's branch of the Militia + pean countries she cannot expect the O.H.A. juntor championship, may & Department is at present dis- & Britain, who needs all her available ♦ bursing \$12,000,000 a month ♦ money, to extend credits to Canada Regina, for the game on Saturday + and sending out 200,000 checks + This view is endorsed by Canadians night against the U.T.S., who gave to of every variety in the same there who feel we must finance our the Patricius such a beating last | period. In the meanwhile new of growing foreign trade on our own

tunity for a good exhibition game + diers are still marrying at the + dred retail lumber merchants in the with the U.T.S. The decision will a rate of 300 a week, and in each three Prairie provinces will cuprobably be reached this afternoon. - case the gratuity is involved. - operate with the Soldier Settlement Altogether the department & Board by giving soldiers who go on The Truks are by no means con- + claims that there are many + the land wholesale prices for lum-For Macdonald, Manitoba, who told vinced that they are vanquished, and that certain ber required for permanent im-

Concealment, Deception and False Testimony Alleged. St. John, N.B., March 20 .-- The report of Commissioner James Mc-Queen on the patriotic potato transaction and kindred matters was brought down in the legislature at

PATRIOTISM AND PELF.

Fredericton. Commissioner McQueen lays bare every salient feature of the scandals The Covernment in connection with the patriotic potatoes and the Valley Railway money used in that connection, and quoting at every turn from the sworn testimony the commissioner in his comments and in his findings deals with the conduct of Hon. James A. Murray, Hon. B. F. Smith, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, George Jones, M.P.P.; William B. Tennant and others, whose evidence was a feature of the inquiry held during last

The commissioner finds that the province sustained a heavy loss, that concealment, deliberate deception, and even false testimony, were features of the case, and he brushes aside the contention that there was no wrong-doing, citing the testimony of leading witnesses to illus- discussion in Parliament in the past trate every step in the conspiracy few days as to suggest the probaby which Valley Railway money was bility of something being done in switched in the attempt to cover up the potato transaction, and reveal-

attempt of some concerned to shield themselves at the expense of the lat Premier Clarke.

EVERY QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, March 20.-The House of Commons is proving itself one of the most inquistive of recent for with inquiries.

tures to be Covered by a Special ministers has averaged well over 200 the minimum of disturbance to inand some days has reached nearer dustry. Ottawa, March 20.-Estimates 300. As only an hour is allowed It is stated around the House in each day for the asking and answer- circles that should know about it dred can be dealt with daily, the slight change in the tariff, perhaps The total estimated expenditure This does not satisfy the curiosity of cent. duty, and going even further, the new members, who recently asked and, by way of compensation, exthat the time should be extended by tending the operation of the income

> an hour and a quarter. Law, the Government leader in the proportionate to the amount of in-House of Commons, said every ques- come. tion asked cost the country \$5, chiefly the permanent staffs of the different sidered, revenue to be raised from departments, who have to collect the the taxation of luxuries and such

SINN FEIN CHAIRMAN;

Staff, Presided & Montreal Meeting. Ottawa, March 20 .- J. K. Foran of off.

the House of Commons staff, was admitted by the Speaker yesterday to be the man who presided at the "Sinn AMERICANS PLANNING ment will be invited to send its grand and a quarter millions will be in Fein' meeting in Montreal on Febfleet to New York on a visit this com- connection with public works gene- ruary 9th. He has been on the staff "As soon as I saw the newspaper accounts of the meeting," said the Speaker, "I expressed very strong

sions is slightly over thirty million disapproval of any officer in the em-Greek troops have defeated the dollars, an increase of almost four-ployment of the House taking an ac-At Ottawa on March 19th forty crease of \$303,000. This does not cial duties. The matter will be con- May 1st. sidered at the first meeting of the Board of Internal Economy of the

A letter from Mr. Foran explaining the part he took at the meeting was also tabled.

TO WAIT AND SEE. Will Postpone Prohibition Legislation for a Time.

ment legislation validating for a and by constant radio communicayear the prohibition order-in-Council tion instant notice would be given of struction of the new Parliament is not likely to be brought down in any mishap, thus insuring virtual Parliament for several weeks, or safety for the crew and the scienperhaps not till the end of the ses- tists who will be aboard for obser-

> circles in the Government to await press representatives will be taken developments, and see how public on the plane itself. Men probably opinion crystalizes. Quebec is to will be stationed on the destroyers. have a referendum this spring and especially near the start and the fin-Ontario one in the autumn.

> Grand Trunk Railway System traffic earnings from March 8th to 14th: 1919, \$1,159.337; 1918, Sir Charles Fergusson's Wife Is Earl \$846,554; increase, \$312, 783,



JOSEPH ARCHAMBAULT, M.P. provements, plus the bare cost of unloading, handling and other clared in Commons that the Government should wake up to realities and the manufacture of alcohol for industrial charges.

is Having a Full Dis-

MAY CUT OFF THE EXTRA 71/2 PER CENT.

And Extend the Operation of the Income Tax-No Final Decision Until the Budget Speech is Delivered.

Ottawa, March 20 .- The tariff has loomed so prominently in tha this year's budget beyond what has been anticipated heretofore. The whole situation is being discussed The commissioner refers to the at a ministerial caucus to-day, when both sides will have an opportunity to air their views. The Government will not outline its policy because none is finally decided on, but it will ask its supporters to in-COSTS COUNTRY \$5 dicate what they think should be done. There is promise of a multi-

tude and a diversity counsel. Meanwhile it is learned that the years. This, too, despite the absence ground is being studied and some of the Irish members who in previous possible changes considered along years have filled the question paper lines calculated to grapple with the problem of increased revenue, neu-Since the opening of the Parlia- tralize the low tariff agitation for ment the number of questions to the time being, and to do this with

ing of questions, only about a hun-that a plan being considered is a others being answered in writing, by knocking off the extra 716 per tax so as to reach higher up and In refusing the request, Mr. Bonar lower down, probably on a scale

It is also stated that a greatly inin printing, not counting the time of creased excise list is being concommodities as heretofore have not been classed as luxuries.

In this way, it is being argued, the end in view may be accomplish-HIS IDENTITY STATED ed without a serious disturbance to existing conditions. It is to be emphasized, however, that no final de-J. K. Foran, House of Commons cision will be reached and no announcement made until the budget speech is delivered, and, from present indications, that is a long way

FOR ATLANTIC FLIGHT since 1902, and his salary is \$2,800 String of Destroyers 200 Miles Apart to Watch the Seaplane.

Washington, March 20 .- Plans for a trans-Atlantic flight by an Ameri-Russian Bolsheviki at Kherson, teen million dollars over the cur- tive part in any meeting which could can seaplane are being made, Acting north-east of Odessa, and advanced rent year. Almost one and a half be considered of a political character, Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt antion and colonization costs, an in- be at once ordered to resume his offi- pected to take place some time after

Lieut.-Commander Patrick L. Bellinger has been ordered from Norfolk to Washington for work in connection with preparation of plans for the fight, Roosevelt announced

The plans are now to string destroyers along the route of the proposed flight about 200 miles apart. The seaplane, equipped with radio, would be in constant communication with the nearest destroyer. The plane would at all times be within Ottawa, March 20 .- The Govern- four or five hours of a destroyer,

vations. There is a disposition in many It has not been disclosed whether ish of the trip, to write the story.

NOT WEDDED TO GERMAN.

of Glasgow's Daughter. Halffax, N.S., March 20 .- Discussing Col. Peck's reference to the wife of Sir Charles Fergusson, the British general who ordered the Canadians out of bounds at Cologne, as a "woman of Cologne," a correspondent of the Chronicle, signing himself "A first cousin of Sir Charles Fergusson," writes:

"Sir Charles Fergusson married Lady Alice Boyle, second daughter of the late Earl of Glasgow, and sister of the present Lord Glasgow. I was present at the wedding, which took place at the Guards Chapel, Wellingeon Barracks, some seventeen years ago. His eldest son is now at Eton "Sir Charles' father, Sir James Fergusson, served in the Crimean war; later he was made Governor of New Zealand, South Australia and Bombay respectively, . For many years he was a member of the House of Commons and at one time acted as postmaster-general."

Holland Steps Toward Prohibition. The Hague, March 20 .- The Government has instituted a commission to inquire into the possibility of greatly reducing and eventually stopping the distilling of alcoholic beverlages for use in Holland. Production