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Disappearance of Russia Is Counterbalanced in War Scales By Entry of the United States

High Tribute to Newest Ally in Reply to King's Speech—Exciting Scenes Marked Re-opening of Imperial Parliament—Criticism of Premier Met By Offer to Resign

FRANCE MUST PAY HEAVIER TAXES TO MEET DEFICIT

Proposals of Finance Minister To Meet The Situation—Cabinet Discusses War Measures—To Restrict Consumption of Food

Paris, Feb. 12.—(Associated Press)—The House of Commons assembled at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Brigadier-General H. D. Lyster, Unionist for North Westmoreland, moved the address in reply to the king's speech. He said that during the last session there had occurred two events of world importance—the disappearance of Russia from the arena and the coming into it of the United States. Those events, when thrown into the scales counterbalanced one another, but he hoped for the weight of the full credit side on the United States.

The Allies to deal to look for America brought into the scale the weight of men and material, energy and intelligence of the United States. The whole of the force was impelled, not by the movement of passion, but a long considered and carefully thought-out policy of a great and powerful nation trusting its rulers confident in themselves on united in their intention to achieve their goal.

The reply was seconded by Alexander Shaw, Liberal.

London, Feb. 12.—(Delayed)—Parliament resumed today on topics with curiosity as to how Premier Lloyd George would meet President Wilson's latest declaration and the dissatisfaction manifested by a section of the press and public over the Versailles council, and also as to how far H. H. Asquith, the former premier, would respond to the demand of the extreme wing of his party for the abandonment of the policy of benevolence toward the government in favor of active opposition based on disapproval of the general war policy and especially the abandonment of the functions of the League of Nations.

The House of Commons was not disappointed for the sitting proved unusually exciting. It could hardly be said that Mr. Asquith rose to the expectation of the most eager of his party, but the temper of a large section of the members seemed to show that such tactics would meet with considerable success. Perhaps the most notable thing was the support of the extreme wing of the party and the former premier with reference to President Wilson's speech. While Mr. Asquith endorsed fully the president's speech, Premier Lloyd George did not mention Mr. Wilson's last speech and the House of Commons was highly indignant on his near approach to reasonable terms than in Count Von Hertling's speech. The minister of agriculture reported on food conditions in France and the allied countries. He presented a measure intended to restrict superfluous consumption of food and to provide for the equitable distribution of necessities.

FEAR HIS INJURIES WILL PROVE FATAL

William Crosby Fractures Skull in Fall To Bottom Of Steamer's Hold

William Crosby of 32 Charlotte street, West St. John, a longshoreman, while working this morning aboard one of the steamers in West St. John, slipped and fell down the hold, a distance of thirty feet, striking on his head. Dr. F. H. New was summoned and, on his orders, Mr. Crosby was taken to the General Hospital. The ferryboat was held a few minutes for the ambulance. On examination at the hospital it was found that Mr. Crosby's skull was fractured and that he had sustained other injuries. He is a married man with several children. Reports from the hospital this afternoon were to the effect that his condition was unchanged, and little hope is held for his recovery.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS SHOOTING OF BROKER

Boston, Feb. 12.—Edward F. Barnes, a real estate agent 65 years old, was shot and wounded in the head early today in his office in State street. An hour later he was found by the police in the Back Bay district, nearly a mile away. He declined to say how he was injured. Examination of his office showed many bloodstains, and a revolver with two empty cartridges in the chamber.

FRENCH ADVANCE REACHES FOURTH GERMAN LINE

Gain Valuable Information In Successful Raid

Had Upper Hand in Rides And Encounters With Enemy Patrols—Increase in Aerial Activity On American Sector

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POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATE PEACE WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

London, Feb. 12.—According to the lobby correspondent of the Daily Mail facts are known which bring the possibility of a separate peace between Austria-Hungary and the Entente Allies much nearer. Great reluctance, he says, is manifested in Austria toward the prospect of fighting British and American troops on the western front.

LIUT. GEO. DALZEL WEDDED IN SCOTLAND

Friends of Lieut. Geo. Dalzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Dalzell of Grand Manan, and brother of Mrs. A. H. Dalzell, 176 Adelaide street, will learn of interest of his marriage in Scotland, on Dec. 1, to Miss Isabella Janet MacDonald, Lieut. Dalzell was quite well known in St. John. He attended the St. John Business College for nearly a year and while in the city made many friends.

Lieutenant Dalzell, since leaving St. John as a boy about twenty years ago, has seen much active service. He fought all through the South African war and after peace was declared he went to India with the British forces. After serving six years in India he returned to Canada and was living in the west when the present war broke out. He immediately donned the uniform again and crossed to France with the first contingent in the artillery. He fought in all the heavy battles at the front of the war, including the Marne and Hill 60 and was mentioned in despatches for maintaining communication lines.

At Hill 60 he was wounded and sent to England for hospital treatment. After recovering from his wounds he returned to Canada. When the 118th battalion was organized Lieutenant Dalzell was among the first to join the unit and was instrumental in launching a big recruiting campaign. He crossed to England with that unit as a lieutenant and is now employed in the training of junior officers in one of the training depots in England.

Quieter Towards Noon. New York, Feb. 12.—(Wall Street)—The early advance embraced numerous other issues, including oil, utilities and low priced war shares. The usual profit-taking occurred at the higher levels, shipbuilding, motors and alcohol dropping back 1 to almost 2 points. Heaviness was manifested by western milk, Utah Copper and Peoples Gas. Trading quieted toward noon, the active list, however, showing irregular strength.

ITALIANS ARE DETERMINED TO FIGHT UNTIL VICTORY

No Longer Matter of Choice But of Necessity

Premier Orlando Voices Aroused Spirit of People—Hum Invaders Stripping Northern Italy—Treat People of Conquered District With Extreme Brutality

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SHIP BUILDING IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 12.—The keel of the largest vessel yet to be built in Newfoundland has just been laid at a shipyard at Harbor Grace. Measured by the standards of ocean liners or even of the big steel steamships which ply along the Atlantic coast this wooden ship of 600 tons seems small, but it looms large above the little fishing craft which furnish a means of livelihood to most of the inhabitants of this island.

The taking away of the colony's largest vessels for war purposes has stimulated shipbuilding. In addition to the ship mentioned, four others of 300 tons each are under construction in the same yard.

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