Speech of Sir Sam Hughes at Lindsay Arouses Comment at Ottawa-National Service Does Not Tend to Conscription

overseas, as advocated by Gen. Ser Sam Hughes, former minister of militia, in his speech at Lindsay, has little likelihood of being put into effect. What future contingencies end from a continent-wide tour. may arise cannot be foreseen, but unless the empire's safety and integrity are threatened more acutely than is now apparent, there will be no departure from the voluntary to the obligatory form of military en

Interest at Ottawa. Gen Hughes' speech causes a considerable interest in Ottawa. It is his first public speech since in the latter part of November he broke with the Government and took a course which resulted in his resignation being called for. men for training at home or for ser-

In the meantime, differing somewhat from expectations, he has played the game quietly, making no speeches and indulging in no criti-cism of his colleagues.

Apparently the former minister has no intention of attempting to embarrass the Government over his own particular case, but rather raises, an issue which is national in

its scope.

Policy Not Conscription. The Government's policy is not prescription. The ministers are aware that throughout the country there is no small element who favor recourse to compulsion in military service. At the same time those who view the situation from every aspect have come to the conclusion that as matters present themselves compulsion is impractical.

believed that the deficiency of something over a hundred thou-sand men in the promised comple-

the trouble is in obtaining them cates when relieved of official responsibility.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Conscription in cap or imperil those industries Canada involving compulsory train- which are vital to the state. It is for this reason that the national service propaganda is inti-

Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett, M.P., came back at the week-A point which was emphasized par-

ticularly was that conscription is not

in prospect nor is the national ser-vice idea a preliminary to it. This unquestionably represents the attitude of the Government and that its position will be varied by Gen. Hughes' stand is greatly to be doubted. The former minister never ap-peared publicly in the roll of an advocate of conscription. He frequently maintained in speeches and otherwise that it was not necessary to re-sort to compulsion either to raise

If latterly he took a contrary at titude it has never been disclosed and there is no confirmation here to-day that he did so at all.

Sir Sam's Criticism. As to the former minister's criticism of the national service campaign, it is admitted that there were some necessary delays at the outset in working out the scheme, while the gathering and collaboration of such vast quantities of information—a census in effect-will take two or three

need of preparation and organization, it is claimed that there has been nei-ther undue delay nor lack of expedition in arranging the national service program there is not much disposition at Ottawa to pay attention to the former minister. He was never a man of silence, but the instance is yet ment of half a million men can readily be filled up under the voluntary to be cited wherein any public utterance as minister or privately he ever The men can be got all right, but took the stand which he now advo-

Music and Drama ? were captured and a number of hos-*****

A large house again greeted the Ernie Marks company in their performance of "For Her Husband's Sake," at the Grand Opera House, last evening, a drama of New York lies which gripped the hearts of all with its tale of the devotion of a good woman to her husband, and the manner in which she assumed the guilt of a crime of which she believed him guilty, and later established the innocence of both herself and her husband. In the role of Mrs. Douglas, Miss Kittie Marks was at her best, while Ernie Marks mad perhaps the hit of the evening in his characterization of Horace Dobbins, Shelltown county, Vermont. The supporting cast was of the strongest nature, and to single out for praise any individual member would be at once difficult and partial. The vaudeville numbers introduced between the scenes proved a source of great popularity, particularly that present-ed by Fred and Edna Durand, who perform upon roller skates in a manner betokening the highest skill and dexterity. Their dancing upon skat-es is exceptionally ably executed.

British Press

London, Dec. 27 .- British troops River, subsequently consolidating and extending their positions south and east of Kut-el-Amara, which neans that the city is practically cut off from these two sides. This was ment which records the destruction southeast of Kut. Here 60 tons of grain were destroyed. This place has been the base of operations of surface. hostile Arabs.

British Statement The British official statement said: "On December 22 British detachments advanced to the right bank of

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sabs Fort. 20 miles southeast of Kut which had long been a base of operations of the hostile Arabs. Sixty

tile Arab encampments were burn-

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cctly to the sun and air out of doors. lead.

The best results are obtained in temThe allies, however, will not be led utter hope that the nations of an more indirect exposure is possible and the results are not rapid.

As a result of the treatment skin a number of cases. The effect of the by cavalry of Cassabs Fort, 20 miles air and sunlight cure is to keep alive much of the burned tissue and in time this tiesue grows out over the burned

AUSTRALIAN SCULLER DEAD.

New York, Dec. 27.-News of th death of Edward Trickett, the noted the Tigris. Their position subsequently had been consolidated and reached here to-day. Trickett, who extended south and east of Kut-El- was born at Sydney, N.S.W., was right, bank of the Tigris, southwest of Rut, have been systematically bombarded. Our cavalry by a right bombarded. Our cavalry by a night ion over the Thames course, and it sense, but a war conference. This of your prime minister himself is

was not until Ernest Barry, the present champion, defeated Dick Arnst in 1912 that the title was regained for England. Trickett lost the title to Edward Hanlan, the famous Can-adian oarsman in 1880 over the "I wish to ex

WIFE MURDER

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



AUNTRALIA'S CHAMPION IN NEW YORK This photograph shows Tex Rickard (on left) famous fight promoter, and Les Darcy, the Australian boxing champion (on the right). The pair are now in New York, where it is said that a fight wil probably be staged between Carpentier and Les Darcy, when Carpentier

sus in effect—will take two or three months more. Considering its importance and the EVEN IN OFFERING PEACE

arrives on his expected leave from the French army.

Behind Her Overtures Lies Thinly VeiledThreat of StillGreater Frightfulness if Offer is Refused

tons of grain were destroyed, cattle inability to credit the rest of man- a supplicant. That is the whole issue. kind with human intelligence. Be-fore this war German learning was ginning of the war; and it is above

thod of thought. The Chancellor affects to hold forth an olive branch. A few days previously Von Hindenburg was issuing one of his bombastic effusions to the effect that Germany's western front could be not accepted, to invent yet more

Hyphenate Germans, of course, the spying and faithless guests of non-belligerent nations, may seek to alienate sympathy from the allies on her Allies have again and again in

the ground that it is they who are the strongest and sincerest of landow responsible for the continuance guage pledged themselves to treat of the war. A certain neutral and only with a crushed militarism. Ger In treating burns a small part of epicene opinion may as before follow gallinaceously the Teuton's tions of dull-wittedness when the

perate weather, when the patient can astray by any crude Teuton trick, or assaulted Europe will for a few the Turks in Mesopotamia, have lie at ease for hours under the direct by any circensian antics the imperial pieces of silver betray their living reached the right bank of the Tigris rays of the sun and the influence of chancellor may devise. They will to commit treason against their River, subsequently consolidating the air. In colder weather only study all his peace terms to find dead.

The most innate and evil char- primarily whether Hohonzollernism acteristic of both the Prussian pro- comes to the bar of justice still arro fessor and the Prussian junker is gant and unbroken or penitent and being found out as mere meticulous the sops and doles, the quibbles and scholarship. Since the war German casuistry, beyond which the German

scholarship. Since the war German militarism has never ceased to be surprised that it fails to win worldwide genuflection and worship, when a boast to conquer civilization was followed only by temporaryy successes in negligible places. Consequently when the junker and professor heads are put together the total of the two is still less than one.

The two heads drew up the Chancellor is still less than one.

The two heads drew up the Chancellor is so-called "proffer of peace," and it is typical of the Teuton method of thought. The Chancellor is pring from the hand of the incendarist of Europe.

Involves Use of Both Air Germany's western from could be not accented, to invent yet more held for sixty years. It may be in hideous and more inhuman crimes.

grafting will not have to be used in a number of cases. The effect of the Held in February Next States National Museum, and Prof. George Grant McCurdy, of Yale. They

Peace Will be Discussed as Well as Ensuing Problems—Premiers to be Temporarily Attached to British War Council

Mr. Lloyd George is to be not an Im-

contemplated by his Majesty's Gov-tune if any dominions were left un-ernment is not a session of the or-represented." dinary Imperial Conference, but a WIFE MURDER
Ossipee, N. H., Dec. 27.—Efforts to complete the jury which will sit in the trial of Frederick L. Small, chargette to attend a series of special and the ware were to attend a series of special and parliament, and the sameouncement ed with the murder of his wife, were continuous meetings of the new war today may induce the government to continued to-day. Four jurymen cabinet in order to consider urgent were accepted yesterday. County Solicitor Hill said he thought it possible the war, the possible conditions on may be as far advanced as possible cabinet in order to consider urgent advance the date of the opening is questions affecting prosecution of order that the work of the session

> purpose of these meetings, would be a member of the War Cabinet. is nothing on the government programme which should occasion such "In view of the extreme urgency of the subjects of discussion, as well as of their supreme importance, it is the attitude of the Opposition."

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The Imperial hoped that your prime minister may Conference announced recently by find it possible in spite of serious inconvenience involved, to attend at an early date—not later than the "I wish to explain that what is would regard it as a serious misfor-

Parliament May Meet Earlier. that the actual work of the trial might be started late in the day with his opening argument for the prosecution.

Which in agreement with our allies before the prime minister's departure. There is, of course, a possibility that the character of the session immediately arise. mediately arise.

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Chicago, Dec. 27.—Human beings inhabited the North American continent more than 125,000 years ago. according to the findings of E. H. Sellards, state geologist of Florida, and Prof. Oliver P. Hay, who made

Involves Use of Both Air and Sunlight

and Sunlight

Baltimore, Dec. 26.—A new method of treating serious burns that involves the use of air and sunlight has been put into practice at Johns Hopkins Hospital and already in a number of cases has been successful.

"Nature cures have been recognized"

held for sixty years. It may be in hideous and more inhuman crimes. Therein is obvious the venomous straightway believe the most militarist of nations—in or out of Christianist of nations—in or out of the Chancellor's statement.

It does not be characterist in the devices of the mat-sellers of Bagdad, a Geology. Advance sheets quote Mr

Sellards as saying: "The study of the fossils of this has brought to light a considerable number of extinct species which sugthe Pleistocene period. This is the oldest deposit from which human remains have ever been taken."

Dr. Hay, who is research associate of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, expresses similar views; but four other scientists, whose articles will appear in the Journal of Geology are skeptical. They are Prof. R. Chamberlain, of the University Chicago; Thomas Wayland Vaughan, of the United States Geological Survey; Dr. Ales Hrdlicks, of the United race existed on this continent at so early a period.

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Christmas Se In Loca

pastor, Rev. W. H. Wrighton, on Sunday last at Park Baptist Church. The subject in the morning was The Glory Song, the text being taken from Luke 2nd chapter, 13-"And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying Glory to God in the highest, and or earth peace, good will toward men from which an earnest practical and joyous Christmas message was given to the congregation present, and the wish expressed that all congregations throughout the city, and citi zens generally, would have a joyou Christmas and Happy New Year, and the way to have it was to enter into the true Christmas spirit, doing good and ministering kindness unto

Mr. Thresher, the organist and his choir, deserve a word of praise and encouragement. The choir is growng larger, and singing better each Sunday. In the morning the folowing musical program was given n splendid style: Organ: The Holy Night, Buck; offertory, "Adeste Fidelis", Loret; Christmas Postlude. Garrett; Anthems, Christians Awake, Maunder, Miss E. Kay and Mr. N. Buck, soloists; And He shall Reign,

The evening subject by Paston Wrighton was "Why did Jesus This was also an earnest practical gospel message. Many have not yet answered the question in the only practical manner, by sur-rendering themselves to Him. May the question be earnestly considered and answered. The musical selections were as follows: Organ, Christmas Eve, Bethlehem, Malling: The Shepherds, Salome; Fantasy on Old Christmas Carols, Blair; Anthems, O Come Redeemer of Mankind, Marchant, Miss P. Fuller, soloist; Sing, O Heavens, Gaul, Miss E. Kay,

The services of the day were keeping with the occasion.

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