

Is Germany Anxious to See Italy Involved in War?

THE HAGUE, May 19, via London, May 19.—9:12 p.m.—Interested members of the diplomatic corps at The Hague claim to be convinced that war between Italy and Austria-Hungary is only a question of hours. Hints have been dropped in several quarters that Germany is even anxious for Italy to enter into hostilities, as by this means the possibility might arise for Austria-Hungary to conclude a separate peace with Russia, which would enable Germany to withdraw many of her troops from the long eastern frontier for service elsewhere.

Germany, some diplomats say, is not likely to be very active against Italy, and would rather utilize the service of many of her officers, now employed in Gallia, on the western front, where they are greatly needed.

It is also argued by foreign diplomats that Italy's entry into the war would not immediately involve Roumania.

KITCHENER AND CHURCHILL MAY BOTH GIVE WAY

Former May Be Succeeded by Lloyd George — Coalition Cabinet Assured by Party Leaders.

[Canadian Press.] London, May 19.—The rapid pressure of events, both abroad and at home, has driven the Government to a change of heart and brought together the "elder statesmen" to deal with a situation charged with critical elements. The events abroad have been the severest reversal of the Russian armies, which may be followed by more powerful German opposition to the Allies' line in France and Belgium, and the slow progress of the operations against the Turks, whose campaign is being conducted largely by German officers.

The events at home have been the friction between Winston Spencer Churchill and Lord Fisher in the admiralty, which one writer describes as the nerve centre of the nation, and the attacks upon both the war office and the workmen for their alleged failure to supply the army with sufficient ammunition.

Parliament adjourned tonight until June 5. Before its next meeting the new cabinet will be formed and the first act of the cabinet will be to challenge a vote of confidence from the House of Commons to demonstrate its position as representing the whole house.

Asquith Explains Position. The Liberal members held a meeting tonight and expressed confidence in Premier Asquith, who explained the Government's position to them. The Conservatives also held a party council. Today's reports have changed yesterday's forecasts of the personnel of the ministry in only two or three details. There is no doubt that the reorganization of the Government will mean the snuffing out of some high political ambitions. It is believed that the most prominent members slated for retirement are Lord Haldane, lord high chancellor; of the Marquis of Crewe, secretary of state for India; Lewis Harcourt, secretary of state for the colonies; and Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland. The Marquis of Crewe and Birrell will go willingly. Mr. Harcourt may be raised to the peerage and promoted to be Viceroy of India.

Churchill May Go to War. Lord Fisher, first sea lord of the admiralty, was in his office at the admiralty today, which was taken to mean that the cabinet had refused to accept his resignation, making certain the departure from the admiralty of Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty. It is believed by many that Mr. Churchill will be given the Marquis

POSSIBLE MAKE-UP OF COALITION CABINET

LONDON, May 20.—2 a.m.—The Daily Telegraph regards the following appointments to the coalition ministry as almost certain: A. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty; Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer; J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for the colonies; Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for India; Lloyd George, secretary for war; Lord Kitchener performing the military and David George the civil duties of the war office.

of Crewe's portfolio at the India office or that he will succeed Mr. Harcourt as secretary of state for the colonies. Mr. Churchill is a major in the territorial, and it would cause little surprise if he should prefer the fighting line to a cabinet position, which would give him opportunity for his aggressive nature.

The Conservative members of Parliament are reported to consider eight cabinet members as their share, and Andrew Bonar Law, Opposition leader in the House of Commons, A. J. Balfour, J. Austen Chamberlain, the Earl of Curzon, Lord Selborne, F. E. Smith, the Earl of Derby, and Walter Hume Long are regarded as certain.

A Labor Member. The Labor members have decided to support Arthur Henderson for a position. It has been an article of the Nationalist faith that no member of that party should serve in the British Government, but John Redmond will have an opportunity to break precedents if he will consent to do so, and thus have the cabinet embrace all the parties represented in the House of Commons.

In free discussion by the newspapers of the ministry's abilities, even Lord Kitchener has not escaped criticism. The first public criticism of the work of the Home Secretary for war came from the "Times" today, which said: "Against much wise advice he (Earl Kitchener) insisted upon keeping in his own hands the control of questions with which the war office is far too preoccupied to deal. He could not raise immediate army and direct the industrial organization as well."

The Times asserts that offers by manufacturers to make shoes for the army were rejected, and after months had been lost they were employed to begin.

The Pall Mall Gazette goes further, saying that Kitchener is "not quite as young as he was," and adds, "If he prefers to stay at home we suggest that the old office of commander-in-chief be revived for him."

Lloyd George for War Minister. Having proposed David Lloyd George for minister of munitions yesterday, the Pall Mall Gazette today nominates him for minister of war, if Lord Kitchener retires. A few months ago Chancellor Lloyd George commanded the particular animosity of all the Conservative papers, and the Conservatives then



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TWO MORE KILLED FROM W. ONTARIO

KILLED. WOODSTOCK. Pte. Wallace Roberts. (Enlisted in West.) CHATHAM. Pte. Hope Croucher.

DEAD. BRANTFORD. Pte. J. Hawke.

WOUNDED. WOODSTOCK. Pte. Warren D. Hildred (Princess Pats.) CHATHAM. Pte. Arthur Trudell. GUELPH. Pte. Leonard L. Peers, 1st Battalion.

COURTLAND (NORFOLK). Sergt. E. A. Pratt, 1st Battalion. EALING. P. O. Sergt. A. D. Davis, 1st Battalion.

ILL. CHATHAM. Pte. George Raynor.

MISSING. DRESDEN. Pte. William L. Babcock, 7th Battalion. COLLINGWOOD. Hon. Capt. D. O. Irwin, 3rd F. A. B.

1 KILLED; 1 WOUNDED; FORMER WOODSTOCK MEN WOODSTOCK, May 19.—Pte. Warren Hildred, private in the Princess Patricia Regiment, reported wounded by the latest casualty lists, is a son of Thomas W. Hildred, of Woodstock, and was employed here in a local store until he left for the west in 1912. He enlisted from Winnipeg, where he worked for the T. Eaton Company, of that city.

Wallace Roberts Killed. Pte. Wallace Roberts, reported among the killed in the casualty lists, lived in Woodstock until about five years ago, and was a nephew of Peter Roberts, of this city. He went to war with one of the western regiments, his home then being in High River, Alta.

ANOTHER BRANTFORD MAN SUCCEUMS TO WOUNDS. [Special to The Advertiser.] BRANTFORD, May 19.—Word received in the city today made public that Pte. J. Hawke died as the result of wounds sustained in fighting near Ypres on April 29. With the words on his lips, "I did my duty," he passed away in the presence of Pte. Hamilton, who was himself wounded a few days ago.

Pte. Hawke was for many years identified with the firm of Turnbull & Cutcliffe, and was a chief temple at the I. O. G. T. He got his first military incentive from the Boy Scouts and was a member of the Dufferin Rifles. The family has taken up residence in Toronto, he leaving two sisters and his parents. A memorial service is to be held in the Boy Knight armory in his memory.

HEARS HER BROTHER IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. [Special to The Advertiser.] STRATFORD, May 19.—Capt. Brother, of Montreal, brother of Mrs. R. T. Harding, of this city, who was reported missing and wounded, is now said to be seriously wounded. Mr. Harding has endeavored to ascertain particulars as to the nature of his wound, but as yet has been unsuccessful.

SIX BERLINES LEFT OUT OF FOURTEEN. [Special to The Advertiser.] BERLIN, May 19.—Pte. Harry Heber, one of the noble fourteen who left here in August last, in a letter to his mother, who lives at Blair, Ont., gives a vivid description of the battle of Langemarck. He states that only six of the fourteen remained, and he has been in the transport division, and while he has been on the firing line, he has not received an injury.

LIEUT. WELD WOUNDED IN THE LEFT KNEE Mrs. Edgar Weld, of Delaware, and Mrs. Edgar Davis, 229 Princess Ave., both received cables yesterday, telling of the wounding of their sons Lt. George H. Weld and Sergt. Arthur Davis, respectively. Lieut. Weld, of the 8th Battalion, has been admitted to a London, England, hospital. He is suffering from a gunshot wound in the left knee. Sergt. Davis, of the 1st Battalion, is reported wounded, without any details being given.

CHATHAM PRIVATE KILLED INFORMATION IN LETTER. [Special to The Advertiser.] CHATHAM, May 19.—Two of the Chatham men at the front, Lance Corporal Walter Taylor and Lance Corporal W. M. Murdoch have written letters to friends in this city telling of the death of Pte. Hope Croucher, who they say was hit by a shell on the 23rd of April in the battle of Langemarck. No official word has been received of the death of this Chatham soldier, and relatives in this city have been aroused to a state of anxiety as a result of the letters which have been received.

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Pre-Holiday Sales in Blouse Section

The special lot advertised on sale today at 79c is an example of the values tabled for pre-holiday selling this week. There are many beautiful designs and styles to select from. Fine voiles, with dainty embroidered designs, also white crepes, fancy allovers, embroidered lace cloths and sheer organdies. Showing convertible collars, soft roll collars, and low, V-shaped necks. Long and three-quarter sleeves, finished with a lace-trimmed cuff. All sizes, 34 to 44. Price from 79c to \$5.00. Pretty styles in White or Black Jap Silk Blouses, also dainty, soft crepe de chine, in all the leading shades, showing the becoming drop yoke effect at shoulder, to which the front is slightly gathered; hemstitched seams, convertible or low collars; long or three-quarter sleeves. Prices from \$2.95 to \$7.50.

SECOND FLOOR.

Pre-Holiday Specials in Whitewear Section

Corset Covers, Princess Slips, Petticoats, etc.—a group of specially-priced lots for speedy clearance. The lines listed here today at 25c, 98c and \$1.39 are worthy of your immediate attention. Corset Covers of fine white cambric, trimmed with fine lace insertion, also others with wide terechon lace. Special 25c each. Dainty Corset Covers of fine nainsook, front and back yoke of lace and embroidery insertion, edged with lace to match. Special 50c each. A splendid assortment of White Cambric Petticoats, trimmed with deep flounce of wide embroidery, others trimmed with lace and insertion. Special 98c each. Princess Slips of good quality white cambric, pretty front yoke of embroidery insertion and beading, threaded with fancy ribbon; neck and arms finished with val. lace; skirt trimmed with flounce of wide, open embroidery. Special \$1.39. Fancy Boudoir Caps of embroidered voiles and shadow lace, trimmed with val. lace and dainty ribbon bows. Prices 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c. The Vernon Castle Cap of fine net, edged with val. lace; a very dainty and popular cap. Prices 65c, 75c and 85c.



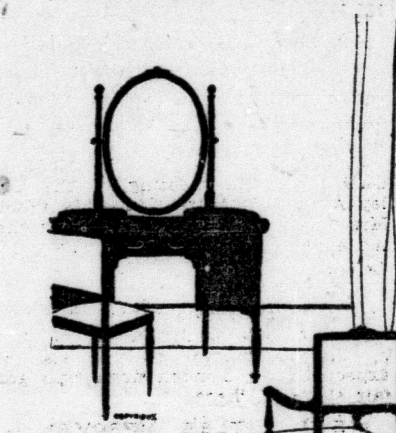
Sale of Ladies' Swiss Combinations Regular 50c, Friday 39c Suit

15 1/2 dozen Swiss Ribbed Cotton Combinations, low neck, plain top or lace yoke, sleeveless or short sleeves, umbrella drawers; these are exceptional value; sizes 36 and 38; only 15 1/2 dozen at this price; regular 50c. Friday special 39c suit MAIN FLOOR.

Your Pic-nic Supplies Complete Lunch Sets

Patriotic Lunch Sets for twelve people (one large crepe paper table cover 63x84 inches, twelve plates, twelve doilies and twelve table napkins); just the thing for picnics and saves laundry. 65c set British and Canadian Flag Table Napkins. 5c dozen Small Crepe Paper British Flags. 3 for 5c Small Decorative Flags, twelve in box. 12 1/2c box Decorative Crepe Paper, in red, white and blue stripes, also flag and maple leaf design; ten feet in each fold. 20c Flag and Ribbon Seals, 50 in each box. 10c box New Lustre Crepe Paper, in plain white, red or blue, each fold ten feet long. 15c fold, or two for 25c Waxed Paper for wrapping sandwiches and picnic lunches, twenty sheets for. 5c Plain White Table Napkins. two dozen for 5c

At Stationery Counter. See display Thermos Bottles and Lunch Kits, Main Aisle.



Three Special Price Reductions on High Grade Bedroom Suites

NO. 1—ONE ONLY MAHOGANY BEDROOM SUITE, consisting of Bed, Dresser, Chiffonier and Dressing Table; regular \$175.00. Sale price Friday \$135.00.

NO. 2—\$128.50 CIRCASSIAN WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE for only \$72.50.—This suite is Adam design, and consists of Bed with extended posts and cane panels, Dresser, Chiffonier and Three-Mirror Dressing Table; the finish on the chiffonier is slightly imperfect. On sale Friday morning, suite complete, only \$72.50.

NO. 3—\$121.50 MAHOGANY BEDROOM SUITE for \$71.00.—This suite is Adam design, and consists of Bed, Chiffonier, Triple-Mirror Toilet Table and Somnec; regular price, \$121.50. On sale Friday morning \$71.00.

One Jacobean Dining Room Suite, Reg. \$121.50, Sale Price \$77.50 This Dining-Room Suite consists of Buffet, regular price, \$38.00; China Cabinet, regular price, \$25.00; Pedestal Extension Table, round top, regular price, \$22.00; set Dining Chairs, regular price, \$36.00. On sale Friday morning, suite complete \$77.50.

SALE OF IMPORTED CORK LINOLEUMS Regular 55c for 39c

A manufacturer's stock of Imported Cork Linoleums will be on sale on Friday and Saturday. This is a splendid opportunity to buy a reliable floor covering at a very low price. The patterns are new and very desirable for bedrooms, halls, dining-rooms, kitchens or bathrooms; two yards wide; regular 55c. For 39c square yard.



Pre-Holiday Sales for Men--- Friday and Saturday

The Raincoat and Silk Hose Sales announced here are special purchases which have been reserved for holiday buyers, and in order to give all an opportunity to participate you may procure yours on Friday. This is to accommodate those who intend going away on Saturday. A new \$15.00 Raincoat for \$9.85 and a supply of 50c Silk Hose at 29c a pair. Get yours early.

75 Men's Raincoats \$9.85 Sale Friday, Saturday

33 DOZEN MEN'S SILK SOCKS Friday Morning, 29c Pair

These are English Wool Paramatta Raincoats, double texture and all seams double-stitched and gummed; a special purchase from a manufacturer in Manchester, England, just received this week in time for the holiday selling; excellent coats for rain or motor; Raglan and military styles, in light, medium or dark shades of fawn and olive; lengths from 46 to 54 in all sizes from 36 to 48. These coats will go with a rush; get yours early. Mail orders promptly filled and sent, delivery charges prepaid. Coats worth up to \$15.00. Sale price \$9.85.

A stock clearing from one of our best makers; an exceptional opportunity to lay in your summer supply, as such quality will not be duplicated at this price. In some colors the quantity in certain sizes is limited, but all sizes are represented from 9 1/2 to 11, in black, tan, grey, myrtle and ox-blood. This is a rare snap in silk socks, and you won't be disappointed if you come Friday for your size. All are regular 50c quality. Sale price 29c pair.



Motor Dusters \$2.35

50 Men's Motor Dusters, in all wanted shades and styles, in sizes 36 to 48, will be on special sale Friday and Saturday. Price \$2.35.

Sale of Boys' Suits Friday and Saturday 75 Suits Up to \$10.00 for \$4.95

For ages 9 to 15 years—75 Boys' Two-Piece Suits, bloomer knickers, browns, greys and mixed shades, in tweeds and worsteds, made up in the newest Norfolk and double-breasted styles. This is one of the finest collections of boys' suits seen on the sale table for some time. Suits worth \$8.50 to \$10.00; a great assortment. Bring the boys Friday or Saturday. Your choice \$4.95.



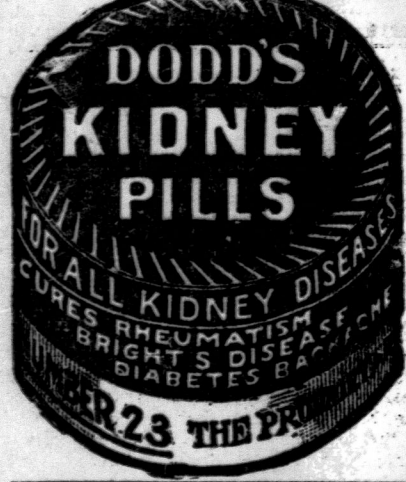
Boys' Bloomer Knickers, 200 Pairs, 98c

Good, Strong Tweed Knickers, for ages 7 to 15 years, lined throughout and well made. On sale Friday and Saturday for 98c pair.

Fresh Strawberries or Pineapple With Ice Cream, 3 to 5:30, Special, 10c—Restaurant.

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Sliced Tomatoes, Bread and Butter and Cup of Tea or Coffee, 3 to 5:30—Special, 15c.



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N. B.—If there are any who need shoes before the 24th, we are ready to supply their wants at right prices, and can supply everybody with comfortable footwear. Examine our stock for yourself.

Men's Oxfords, are good walkers, English and knob toes; rubber or leather soles for comfort \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Ladies' Pumps—Colonials, lavaliers, patent vamp with black and colored backs, also in all patent and dull, at modest prices \$3.00 to \$5.50.

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Boys' Patent or Dull Oxfords, made like the shoe father wears. Special makes \$2.00 to \$3.00.

Girls' Baby Doll with low heels and ankle straps; canyas, patent and dull. Also colonials and pumps. Prices \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Barefoot Sandals and Play Shoes to fit every foot. Infants', 3 to 7 1-2, 75c up; girls', 8 to 10 1-2, 90c up; Misses', 11 to 2, \$1.00 to \$1.55.

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TURKISH FORTS AT KILID BAHR SILENCED

LONDON, May 19.—3:35 p.m.—A message from Mytilene, forwarded from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company, says that the Allies have silenced the Turkish fortifications at Kilid Bahr, on the European side of the Dardanelles, at the end of the narrowest, Constantinople. The fall of Kilid Bahr, on the Asiatic side across from Kilid Bahr, is said to be imminent. The Turks are sending reinforcements to their positions along the Gulf of Smyrna.

during the last six days. In the vicinity of Constantinople trains have been stopped, owing to the shortage of coal. No food supplies are reaching the city and distress is increasing. AILSA CRAIG TALKS HYDRO. AILSA CRAIG, May 19.—The council has considered the hydro-electric estimates provided by the commission. The ratepayers will now have to decide whether to take hydro or not.