

EARL KITCHENER DECLARES PROPER STEPS HAVE BEEN MADE TO AFFORD ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR EGYPT

German Counter-Attacks Have Failed to Re-take Positions Lost at Loos, in Champagne and About Arras—Austrians Have Strong Positions Adjacent to Italy

London, Feb. 16.—In the House of Lords Earl Kitchener, Secretary of War, reviewed recent British operations in the various theatres of the war.

"In France," said Earl Kitchener, "although the Indians have been withdrawn, our forces have been materially increased—by no less than eight divisions of the new army. In Egypt adequate preparations have been made against a threatened invasion. In Mesopotamia Major-General Sir Fenton Aylmer is awaiting reinforcements before resuming his forward movement for a junction with General Townshend."

TOO MANY EXEMPTIONS Touching on the workings of the new system of army enlistments, Earl Kitchener expressed some apprehension that the widespread exemptions allowed through various alleged indispensable trades and professions might unduly diminish the number of soldiers brought in under the new scheme, and urged employers to redouble their efforts to release men of fighting age.

"Time alone will show what the result will be," said Earl Kitchener, "but I trust on a further occasion to be in a position to reassure the House as to the chance of securing the number required."

Continuing his review of the operations, Earl Kitchener said: "The allied offensive at Loos, in the Champagne, and about Arras inflicted very heavy losses on the Germans, and resulted in the capture of important positions by the allied troops. German counter-attacks failed to recover the ground which the enemy had been compelled to yield."

ALLIED LINES UNCHANGED. "Owing to the continuous offensive action on the western front, considerable German forces were withdrawn from the Russian frontier, enabling Russia to obtain certain successes and to hold the enemy well in check. In France and Flanders since the forward movement in Champagne the allied lines have remained practically unchanged. Through the winter the morale of the French army has been maintained at the same high level and their fighting qualities have never been greater or more highly developed than at present."

"Our troops throughout the winter have been constantly carrying on active operations, which have given no rest or respite to the enemy."

AUSTRIAN POSITIONS STRONG "The activities of the Italian Army were continuous in October and November during their advance on the Isonzo. Their efforts since then have not been relaxed, although the positions occupied by the enemy are so strong as to bar for the present the development of a forward movement, which the splendid courage of the Italian troops is surely eventually to push home."

"Notwithstanding the heavy blows and the consequent losses sustained by Russia in the summer of 1915, her army has been thoroughly reorganized and re-equipped and her armaments increased."

SUEZ WELL PROTECTED

"The Turkish army, reinforced by German supplies, was able to organize a movement of troops either against Egypt or to strengthen their forces in Mesopotamia, and at the same time to bring more powerful artillery to bear against our positions on the Gallipoli Peninsula. It was, therefore, decided to withdraw from the peninsula and to reinforce our troops at Saloniki and in Egypt."

"Although when I was on the spot I formed the opinion that the withdrawal ought to be accomplished with less loss than was originally anticipated, the actual execution of the plan exceeded my most sanguine expectations."

"During last winter an abortive attempt on the Suez Canal was easily pushed aside by the small British force operating in that neighborhood, but as a more serious attempt has been threatened, adequate preparations have been made to defend the canal."

"The Turco-German influence with the religious chief of the Senussi tribesmen on the western flank in Egypt succeeded in inducing the tribes of Cyrenaica and Tripoli to assume a hostile attitude towards us. Their first attempts resulted in complete failure and disaster, and through this movement still causes a certain amount of unrest, the admirable loyalty of the people of Egypt forms an effective barrier to any penetration by these raiders into the cultivated areas."

VICTORY IN KAMERUNS. "In East Africa several small engagements have enabled us to extend our positions. In the Kameruns joint operations undertaken by French and British troops have brought the country entirely under the control of the allies. The campaign there may be regarded as concluded."

"In the future, as in the past, we have our dangers and difficulties throughout, which the spirit of our troops at the front and the calm determination of the people at home to support them will enable us to look forward to a victorious issue which should insure peace for many generations."

There are mysteries in the transmission of days, that have not been fathomed. For example, the guns of the Orion are said to have been heard ninety-seven miles away, though inaudible to those much nearer. And it is on record that the reverberation of the Battle of Waterloo reached many places in Kent, though General Colville and his detachment heard nothing of it a dozen miles away. Whistles, hoots, sirens, and noises of all kinds have been heard by Trinity House in order to find a noise which will be infallibly heard for a certain distance, but in vain. They may all be heard at a dozen miles and inaudible at half a mile. Many of the disasters about our coasts are doubtless due to that mysterious "soundless zone" in which the human ear cannot catch the warning. But no one has yet discovered the reason of that deaf spot or prophesied its varying locality.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

The Canadian Fisheries Association organized a year ago to promote the interests of that great basic industry celebrated its first anniversary five days ago in Montreal. The meetings were presided over by Mr. D. J. Byrne, Montreal partner of the well-known firm of Leonard Bros., of St. John and Montreal. Mr. Byrne was born in the city of Montreal of Irish parentage, and has been in business in the commercial metropolis for his entire life. He joined the firm of Leonard Bros. as a boy in his early teens and struck to business so closely that after a time he was taken into the firm. Mr. Byrne is a warm-hearted Irishman, an earnest and successful business man of the sunshine and warmth characteristic of that people.

Dr. P. H. Sexton, who is taking a prominent part in the education of returning soldiers, is one of the best known educationalists in the Maritime Provinces. Dr. Sexton is an American, born in New Hampshire, and an educator at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. For several years he was on the teaching staff of a number of American colleges, going to Dartmouth College, Halifax in 1902. In the past few years he has been head of the Nova Scotia Technical College and director of the whole technical education movement in that province. Dr. Sexton is a born educator, and both by voice and pen has done much for the cause. His present laudable effort is actuated by the desire to teach returned soldiers trades, thereby making them self-supporting. The movement is especially designed to help soldiers who have lost an arm or a leg. This movement is a most worthy one and should receive the support of everyone interested in the well being of our soldiers.

Hector McInnes, K.C., who has just been appointed as director of the Dominion Steel Corporation, is another example of the men from "Way down East," who sooner or later find their way into the larger fields of industry and finance. McInnes is a thoroughgoing Nova Scotia Scot, who early in life obtained a thorough knowledge of corporate law, and has become one of the leading legal lights in Halifax. For some years he was one of the counsel of the Dominion Steel Corporation, and thereupon he was called to the board, he brings to the deliberations of the directors not only a trained legal mind but an intimate knowledge of the Company's affairs.

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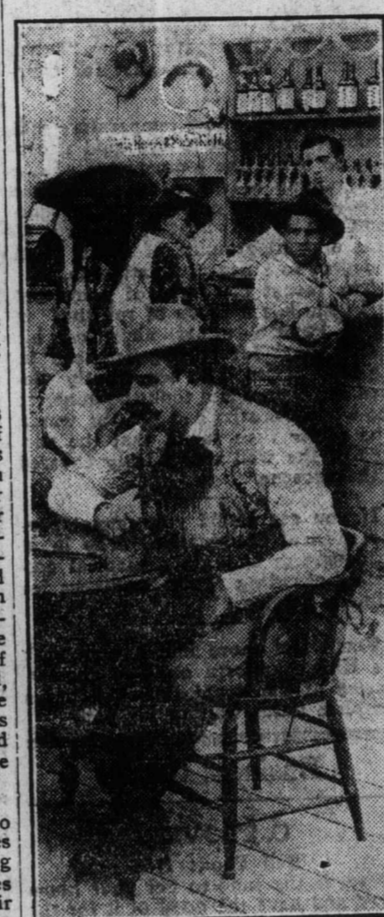
The Diamond From the Sky

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Blair grinned his appreciation of Vivian's subtle plan, and seemingly he worked hand in glove with "the pack" from that on.

It was Day day at Mammoth. Mammoth, as Peter Huff would say, was "some burg." Mr. Huff should have known; he was the proprietor of Pete's Palace, the one amusement and public accommodation enterprise at Mammoth. It was a dance hall and a bar.



In "Pete's Palace."

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Pandemonium Broke Loose in the "Palace."

log in the fierce light of the great lamps overhead. Durand saw it. Luke Lovell, who has stepped aside at seeing Esther and Quabba, sees it. There is wild uproar, and Peter, with his ruffianly help, sides with Durand in the bold claim the latter makes for the diamond. It is torn from the neck of Esther, and in the grasp of Peter Huff some secret spring is touched, and the back of the lock opens, and a creased paper falls.

It is a woman known as Kansas Em who seizes and reads the paper, calling for silence, which falls in a great dramatic hush on all the company. She reads: "Oh, child of my heart! Not a diamond, but a loving mother's prayer, is the true 'charms against harm.'"

Even a life of shame cannot stamp out the feminine desire for decency and the womanly obsession to protect the innocent and the motherless. A quiver shakes Kansas Em. Two great tears streak the path upon her sorrow cheeks. She turns in fury upon her boss and master. "This is a mother's prayer—this lock, it is that poor girl's."

As though this were a signal at which all demonic passions were to break loose, the dance hall viragos, in a psychical outburst of emotion and frenzied anger, sprang upon the proprietor, biting like valkyries. For one brief moment Arthur and Esther gazed into each other's eyes and, for the first and, alas, for the last time for many bitter days were clasped in each other's arms. And then, as the chronicle of the combat that followed will tell you, "trouble really broke loose."

Instinctively all took sides, the good element against the bad and even the better element of the bad against the worst. Esther and Arthur were torn apart, men and women fought like maniacs with hands and feet and teeth; every article that could be lifted and smashed was thrown or struck with. The lunch counter went over with a crash, the bar toppled over, and then the surge of the crowd, as a wave of the combat drove it to one side, tore out the west wall of the rickety frame building, and down smashed the roof, crushing all beneath it, and beneath it, as Arthur Stanley, shattered to insensibility. But where was the diamond from the sky?

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HATCHLEY Mr. Byron Burtis spent last week in Brantford and Caledonia. The Sunday School held a rally last Friday evening. A pleasing program was given, most of which was supplied by the junior scholars in a very capable manner. Several gentlemen gave addresses, and the choir sang an anthem. Special thanks are due to Mr. Will Batten for two splendid solos. At the close of the program, a presentation was made to Mr. Burtis in appreciation of her services as organist. Lunch was then served, and all spent an enjoyable social hour. The attendance was good and the offering amounted to a satisfactory sum. Mr. Lorne Scott is ill. Mr. and Mrs. E. Burtis spent the week-end at Etobicoke.

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