

# INTEREST NOW CENTRES ON DARDANELLES WHERE THE ALLIES REPORT PROGRESS

## FIRST DIVISION IN BRITISH HOUSE SINCE WAR BEGAN

### O'Brienites Vote Against Lloyd George's Proposal to Double Duty on Spirits — Increase in Duties on Wines and Beer Were also Included in Scheme.

London, April 29.—The proposals introduced in the House of Commons this afternoon by David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to double the duty on spirits, quadruple the duties on wines and to institute an increase by graduated tax on beer to encourage the use of lighter beers were strongly opposed, and it is generally believed that the new taxes will have to be moderated before parliament will accept them.

The O'Brienites, as a protest against an additional taxation on Irish whiskeys and beers, brought about the first division in the house since the outbreak of the war by taking the unusual course of voting against the provisional resolutions bringing the taxes into force at once, to prevent withdrawals from bond while parliament is dealing with the matter.

The resolution relating to spirits was passed by a vote of eighty-nine to five, the majority being composed of O'Brienites. The Nationalists also protested against the measure, but did not vote. The Unionists who withheld criticism until all the facts could be placed before them also abstained from voting. Usually these provisional resolutions are carried without division, for should parliament refuse to assent the taxes they are referred to those who may have paid.

The Laborites promised to reply to the Chancellor's charges that a minority of the workmen, lured away by drink, were not putting their best efforts into the work of producing material which is so badly needed by the soldiers at the front.

The extra taxes will be included in the budget which Chancellor Lloyd

George will introduce in the House of Commons on Tuesday next and the bill which is an amendment of the Defence of the Realm Act, will be proposed for the second reading at a later date, when the debate on it will take place. Before that time, the Chancellor has promised to place in the hands of the members a series of reports of independent investigators, on whose findings the government decided to take the action it has.

Besides the Irish opposition to the spirit bill many members opposed the new wine taxes on the ground that they strike at France, Australia and South Africa. The proposed appointment of a board of control and the proposal to take over for cannea purposes the saloons in the munitions of war areas and to compensate all interests are generally approved by the members. Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, reserved until later his criticisms of Mr. Lloyd George's plan. John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, and William O'Brien, leader of the Independent Nationalist, condemned the Chancellor's proposals as prejudicial to the trade of Ireland.

Mr. O'Brien declared that the Chancellor was killing the trade of Ireland by inches if he succeeded in his new taxes, the result would be as horrible for Cork as if that city were bombarded and sacked by the Germans. The only just and logical course was to exclude Ireland altogether from the operation of the plan.

The new taxes come into force immediately, but are subject to confirmation by the house when the budget is introduced and the bill passed.



CONJURER LAURIER—"Look gentlemen, I will change this American spread Eagle into a Roaring, Raging British Preference Lion."

### WILL MOBILIZE AT SUSSEX

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 29.—All Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick troops, except cavalry, will mobilize at Sussex.

(The foregoing was received too late to obtain other details.)

### COULD NOT BE EXCELLED BY VETERANS

Canadians Behaved Like Regulars in Charge on Germans—Twenty-three of Thirty-one Officers of a Battalion Killed.

London, April 29.—Lieut. Col. Buell of Brockville, Ont., in the hospital at South Kensington suffering from shrapnel which almost shattered his shoulder blade, where a bullet is still embedded. He is making fair progress towards recovery.

Col. Buell was wounded on Friday, while leading a reserve battalion of Canadians into action to cover the exposed flank of two Canadian battalions who were in the trenches. Col. Buell today in describing the scene, said the noise was ear-splitting. With the German artillery showing remarkable precision pounding not only the Canadian front but also enflanking. In order to minimize the losses Col. Buell advanced his battalion by short rushes. His men he said behaved like regular troops whose steadiness could not be excelled by veterans. There was no flinching among them when they were ordered to advance, though all knew this meant almost immediate casualties.

Col. Buell was wounded while he lay on the ground using his glasses between two of the short rushes. He felt a heavy blow on his shoulder, evidently the spent fragment of a shell. Soon afterwards in attempting to cross a ditch, he fell fainting from the loss of blood. Col. Birchell who took command when Col. Buell was wounded and commanded the charge was killed. In the charge this reserve battalion lost twenty-three of its thirty-one officers.

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## ALLIES CONTINUE ATTACKS TO RECOVER REMAINDER OF GROUND LOST LAST WEEK

### Considerable Activity Along Western Front in France—British Troops Landed at Three Points on Gallipoli Peninsula—Russians Attacking Turks in Persia—Austria Concentrates Large Numbers of Troops Along Italian Frontier.

London, April 29.—With the battle in Flanders seemingly at an end, except for the attacks which the Allies are making to recover the rest of the ground which they lost last week, the interest of the public has turned to the Dardanelles, where French and British forces have been landed and, with the co-operation of the fleet are making attempts to force the Straits and open the way to Constantinople.

How far these operations have progressed only those on the spot and the highest authorities at home know. The British have landed at three points on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Other British troops are threatening the Bulair line of forts and the French are looking after the Turks on the Asiatic side of the Straits.

The Turks report that all the landing parties have been repulsed, but the British reports, which are very brief, content themselves with the statement that progress is being made and ignore entirely the Turkish claims to victories.

Along the western front in France there is much activity but no big battle is in progress, although there are reports that the British have begun an offensive in the neighborhood of Arras.

The Germans apparently do not contemplate a movement in force on the western end of the line, as they re-

opened today the Belgian-Dutch frontier which is always closed when the Germans are on the move.

Heavy fighting continues in the Carpathians for Uzok Pass and in the direction of Strz, where the Austrians are threatening the Russians' communications.

The report comes from Berlin that the Austrians have again invaded Besarabia, but there is no confirmation of this in the Austrian official news received tonight.

The Russians on their part have again taken the offensive against the Turkish invaders of Persia and have driven them from the border town of Kotor.

Despatches from neutral countries report that a great concentration of Austrian troops is taking place on the Italian frontier, as a measure against the possibility of Italy joining the Allies, and that troops are being conveyed by sea to every coast town in Dalmatia and Istria.

"According to Mittele advices received here the landing of the allies on the Gallipoli Peninsula continued throughout this afternoon. The Turkish aviators endeavored to drop bombs on an allied ship in the straits.

"An allied squadron entered the straits and bombarded the Turkish forts for seven hours, in co-operation with another squadron, posted in the Gulf of Saros."

## Seems to Confirm Story Of Sinking of German Cruiser Last January

### Finding of Life Buoy Believed to Substantiate Report of Sinking of the "Kolberg" in North Sea Fight.

Lerwick, Scotland, April 29.—The finding today, near the south end of this island, of a life buoy marked "Kolberg" is believed here to confirm the report made at the time that the German cruiser Kolberg was sunk in the battle in the North Sea January 24. In his report on the battle in the

North Sea last January, Admiral Beatty after mentioning the destruction of the armored cruiser Kolberg, said the German light cruiser Kolberg also was sunk. The German government, however, later declared that Admiral Beatty's report concerning the Kolberg was false.

## Hundred and Ten of Crew of French Cruiser Safe

Paris, April 29.—An official statement issued by the Minister of Marine tonight says:

"One hundred and ten survivors of the French armored cruiser Leon Gambetta (which was sunk by the Austrian submarine U-5) have been taken to Syracuse, and 25 others are at Brindisi. The bodies of Admiral Senes and

of fifty-two sailors have been buried at Cape Loute.

"The circumstances of the loss of the cruiser have not yet exactly been made known. There is no confirmation that she previously had been halted by a ship and no credit need be attached to reports and comment arising based on information from foreign sources."

## FOURTEEN CARS OFF TRACK IN MAINE CENTRAL WRECK

Special to The Standard.

Bangor, Me., April 29.—A Maine Central freight train from Vanceboro to Bangor was wrecked near Kingsman Station this afternoon. No one was

injured and the locomotive did not leave the rails, but 14 freight cars went off and rolled down an embankment tearing up 100 yards of track, blocking the line, breaking off several telegraph poles and putting many lines out of commission. It is expected that the line will be cleared in time to allow the passing of the early train this morning from Bangor to St. John.

Dishes Found

A basket full of dishes found last night can be had on the owner's application at central police station.

## LIBERALS HAVE CHANGED THEIR TUNE SUDDENLY

### Disclaiming Against Idea of Election, but Only Few Weeks Ago Were Hurting Challenge After Challenge to Government to Go to the Country.

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Ottawa, April 29.—Half a dozen large gauding cases in the lobby of the House of Commons today attracted considerable attention. They were addressed to the Dominion High Commissioner at London and contained ballots for the soldiers. The despatch of the ballots does not mean that there is going to be an election. They are merely being sent to London to be in readiness in case an appeal to the people is decided upon.

In addition to the ballot forms there are affidavits and about 60,000 copies of the soldiers votes bills printed in English and French.

An interesting sidelight upon the political situation is the attitude of the Liberal members who have been visiting Ottawa in great numbers during the last few days. They are de-

claiming against the idea of holding a general election, yet only a few weeks ago when the House was sitting they were proclaiming their desire to test the mind of the electorate as regards the policies of the government and were issuing challenge after challenge to the Prime Minister to go to the country.

The reason of the change of tone is obvious. The government is stronger today than it has been since 1911. That it will be returned to power with a huge majority whenever it decides that an election is necessary, is admitted by the Liberals themselves.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, who has been here for some days in consultation with the Liberal chieftains, is inspiring a good many of the objections to an election which are appearing in Liberal newspapers.

## ARRANGING FOR OPERATING OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RY.

### Manager Gutelius in Ottawa to Confer With Minister of Railways on the Matter.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, April 29.—Mr. J. Gutelius, manager of the Intercolonial Railway, arrived here tonight to confer with Hon. Frank Cochrane and complete arrangements for the temporary operation of the Transcontinental. There will be no through service till the au-

turn, the immediate object being to give such transportation facilities as are needed for settlers along the line. Grain will be carried in the fall, however. If the government cannot make a suitable agreement for right of way over the Lake Superior branch of the G. T. F. it has authority from parliament to take over that line. In case of a bumper crop in the west and inability to ship it before the close of navigation, the Transcontinental would be in a position to carry it economically. A considerable amount of rolling stock can be spared from the I. C. R. just now. This may be supplemented by the acquisition of other rolling stock later.

### Arrested For Assault

Malcolm McLeod was arrested last night for assaulting Bernard Moore on Charlotte street in view of the police. The prisoner left a deposit of \$20 for his appearance in court this morning.

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## PRaise FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Ottawa, April 29.—The following messages were exchanged today between South Africa and Ottawa:

"Mantelburg, April 29.—Prime Minister, Ottawa. Citizens of Pietermaritzburg feel proud of magnificent achievements and splendid gallantry of brother colonists against the enemy in Flanders, and send heartfelt congratulations. Well done Canada.

(Signed) MAYOR Pietermaritzburg.

Ottawa, April 29.—Mayor Pietermaritzburg, South Africa: Warmest thanks for your message, which is deeply appreciated by the government and people of Canada. The splendid valor of our troops has thrilled Canada with pride, mingled with sorrow for the loss of those who have fallen.

(Signed) PRIME MINISTER."

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