

Kitchener's Review of the War in the House of Lords

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In the House of Lords, Earl Kitchener, Secretary for War, reviewed the recent British operations on various fronts. In France, said Kitchener, although the Indians have been withdrawn, our forces have been materially increased by no less than eight divisions of the army. In Egypt adequate preparations have been made against the threatened invasion. In Mesopotamia, Major Genl. Aylmer is awaiting further reinforcements before renewing his forward movement for junction with General Townshend.

Touching on the workings of the new system of army enlistments, Kitchener said the Government was beginning to realize how seriously the number of men immediately obtainable are affected by exemptions. Time alone will show what the result will be, said the War Secretary, but I trust on a future occasion to be in a position to assure the House as to the chance of securing the numbers required.

Continuing his review of the operations, Kitchener said the Allied offensive in the Loos and Champagne areas 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 relinquish. Owing to the continuous offensive action on the West front, considerable German forces were withdrawn from the Russian frontier, thus enabling Russia to gain successes and hold the enemy well in check. In France and Flanders since the capture of Loos and the forward movement in Champagne, the Allied lines have remained practically unchanged. Throughout 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 displayed. Our troops throughout the winter have been constantly carrying on active operations which have given no rest or respite to the enemy.

The activities of the Italian Army were conspicuous in October and November during their advance on Isonzo. Their efforts since then have not been relaxed, although positions occupied by the enemy are so strong as to bar for the present the develop-

ments of the forward movement which the splendid courage of the Italian troops is surely eventually to push home.

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

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 bring more powerful artillery to bear against our positions on the Gallipoli Peninsula. It was, therefore, decided to withdraw from the Peninsula and reinforce our troops at Salonika and Egypt.

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

Turco-German influence with the religious chief of the Senussi tribesmen on the west 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, though this movement still causes an amount of un-

rest, the admirable loyalty of the people of Egypt forms an effective barrier to any penetration by these raiders into the cultivated areas.

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 our people at home to support them, will enable us to look forward to a victorious issue, which should ensure peace for many generations.

More Correspondence Between Washington and Berlin

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Secretary of State Lansing said to-day that the German Government announced its intention of sinking armed merchantmen, without warning, after February 29th, has re-opened the entire question of submarine warfare. The Lusitania agreement presented by Count Von Bernstorff to-day, cannot be finally accepted until the United States determines whether anything in its conflicts with the new policy of sinking armed merchant ships.

As now drawn and formally signed by the German Ambassador, the agreement is in reply to the last American note. It begins with a reference to the formal assurances given by Germany last September, that submarines would not sink unresisting liners without warning and regard for the safety of the lives aboard, and states that the instructions to the submarine commanders were so definite as to allow no misunderstanding. It then states that the submarine warfare around the British Isles was in reprisal for what is characterized as the "inhumane blockade of Britain to starve the Central Powers."

It then promises indemnity for Americans lost on the Lusitania, and expresses profound regret for their deaths; and goes on to say that the German Government, recognizing its liability for their loss, makes proposals contained in the draft submitted to-day. It then goes on to deal with the question of reprisals against others than enemy subjects.

Count Von Bernstorff told Secretary of State Lansing that it was his personal opinion that in carrying out the new submarine campaign, it was not the intention of the German Government to sink liners. Mr. Lansing is understood to have informed him that such a statement from the German Government would be desirable. In his conference with Secretary of State Lansing to-day, the Ambassador discussed the advisability of the postponement of the effective date of the new submarine orders to give opportunity for negotiations.

Govt. Business Until March 31

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Immediately on resumption of the sitting of the Commons, Premier Asquith moved and obtained the consent of the House that the whole session until March 31st be devoted to Government business. This aroused protests from various quarters, whereupon the Premier declared that private members seemed singularly lacking in the sense of perspective. Such members added the Premier, did not seem to realize the conditions under which the country is living. It did not want a mass of legislative proposals from private members, which were never intended to be discussed, he declared. The question of air defences was then taken up, and William Joynson Hicks moved an amendment expressing regret that the King's speech did not mention any proposals placing the aerial service on a firmer and stronger basis. He declared he was

not making an attack on the Government, but rather a patriotic effort to improve the country's defences, in regard to which the public feeling was very strong, especially in those places visited by zeppelins. He desired to know who was responsible and who would assume the responsibility in the future. He criticized the present defences, which he characterized as antiquated, and said it ought to be as easy as pressing a button to send up squadrons of battle planes to meet the zeppelin attack. He asserted the Allied airmen at the front were out-classed by their adversaries.

Ronald McNeil seconded the motion, making similar arguments. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, created a sensation in the Commons by declaring that the Government had made a mistake some years ago when it decided not to take up a serious policy of airship construction. I am sorry, he added, we did not long ago develop a fleet of rigid, lighter-than-air machines not so much for offensive purposes as for sea-scouting.

THERE ARE A FEW PUNCH'S AROUND HERE TOO

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Chronicle this morning takes Punch to task for its disrespect to President Wilson. "Punch" this week in its chief cartoon represents Uncle Sam as addressing the Prophet Job on the subject of President Wilson's attitude towards Germany, and boasting that America possesses in Wilson a man able to knock spots off Job's record for patience. The Chronicle says that such attacks are neither good form nor good policy, and that Punch makes exactly the same mistake by which the German propagandists made themselves so much disliked.

THE RIGHT TO ARM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The United States, it was said by high authorities at the State Department to-day, concedes that the Entente Allies are within their rights, under prevailing international law, in arming merchant ships for defensive purposes, no matter what conditions exist on the sea; consequently it is admitted that should the Allies decline to adopt the American suggestion to disarm merchantmen, this government cannot announce its approval of the intention of the Teutonic Powers to torpedo without warning after Feb. 29th all armed vessels.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Daily Mail expresses the opinion that the first of March, on which date the German memorandum comes into effect respecting armed merchantmen, will see the inauguration of a new German submarine campaign with newly-built vessels of an alleged tonnage of five thousand. These vessels are reported to be capable of crossing and recrossing the Atlantic without needing fresh fuel on the water, and according to the Mail they will act as long range commerce destroyers.

WRECKED CREW REACH PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH, Feb. 16.—The crew of the Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru, reached port last night, on the steamer which rescued them in mid-Atlantic, after they had abandoned their steamer in a sinking condition, consequent upon springing a leak. The Kenkon Maru was bound for Baltimore. The crew of the steamer spent several days in stormy weather at the pumps, which became choked. The boats of the vessel were submerged, when the Plymouth bound steamer arrived on the scene.

3 KILLED, 10 WOUNDED

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