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

War in the House of Lords Notwithstanding the heavy blows and consequent losses sustained by Russia in the summer of 1915, her

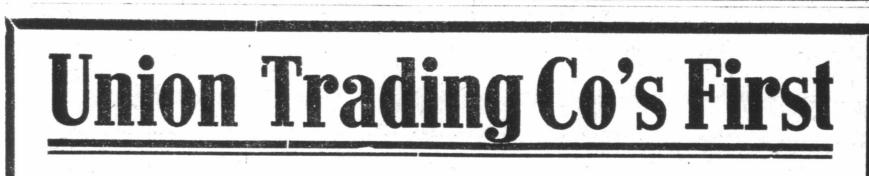
Kitchener's Review of the

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In the House of the Germans and resulted in the cap-Lords, Earl Kitchener, Secretary for ture of important positions by the Al-War, reviewed the recent British oplied troops. German counter-attacks creased.

erations 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 In France, said Kitchener, although the Indians have been withdrawn, our forces have been materially increased by no less than eight divisions of the army.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.

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 Continuing his review of the operations, Kitchener said the Allied offensive in the Loos and Champagne areas inflicted very heavy losses on





rest, the admirable loyalty of the not making an attack on the Governpeople of Egypt forms an effective ment, but rather a patriotic effort to barrier to any penetration by these improve the country's defences, in reraiders into the cultivated areas. gard to which the public feeling was In East Africa several small en-very strong, especially in those places gagements have enabled us to extend visited by zeppelins. He desired to our positions. know who was responsible and who In the Kameruns, joint operations would assume the responsibility in undertaken by French and British the future. He criticized the present troops have brought the country en- defences, which he characterized as tirely under the control of the Allies, antiquated, and said it ought to be The campaign there may be regarded as easy as pressing a button to send as concluded. up squadrons of battle planes to meet

In the future, as in the past, we the zeppelin attack. He asserted the have our dangers and difficulties Allied airmen at the front were outthroughout which the spirit of our classed by their adversaries.

troops at the front and the calms determination of our people at home to support them, will enable us to look First Lord of the Admiralty, created frward to a victorious issue, which should ensure peace for many generations. Commons by declaring that the Government had made a mistake some years ago when

More Correspond= it decided not to take up a serious policy of airship construction. I am sorry, he added, we did not long ago



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