

SHIPS AND MORE AND STILL MORE

First Lord of Admiralty Says
Need is Great

THE SUBMARINE MENACE

Says it is Held But Not Mastered
—Urgent Call Now for Men
Enough to Build Needed Vessels

London, Dec. 13.—“A vast extension of our shipbuilding facilities is necessary if we are successfully to counter the enemy submarine depredations,” said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons today, in a speech appealing for men to meet the requirements of the government's ship-repairing and shipbuilding programme.

After giving figures of the progress already made, showing that the construction of merchantmen for this year would be as great as that of the record year of 1913, and in all classes of ships, 18 per cent higher than in 1913, if the October and November records were kept up, he said that this programme would be greatly increased next year. Private yards had been authorized to increase their accommodation by forty-five berths, while the new national shipyards on the Severn would provide thirty-four berths.

“The demands on our merchant shipbuilding,” continued the first lord, “are greater than they have ever been. The submarine menace is, in my opinion, held, but not yet mastered. Our shipbuilding is not yet replacing our losses. I deprecate drawing deductions from the experience of one week or a month, be it good or bad. It is the general curve which we must watch.”

“But we must have ships, more ships and still more ships, and now I want men to build them.”

“Our plans are laid. We have got the steel, and I want the men. Unless I have entirely mistaken the spirit of the country we will have a response which will demonstrate to the world that our grip tightens as the great struggle continues.”

WITH CANADA'S YOUNG MEN NOW LEARNING WORK OF THE AVIATOR

The work being done by the Royal Flying Corps is hardly realized. This organization has accomplished wonders since its inception here about a year ago, having established five aerodromes (with a sixth under way) for training young Canadians as aviators, and employs a staff of hundreds of officers to give instruction in flying, theory, of flight, aerial gunnery, observation, photography, wireless telegraphy and the many branches of military aeronautics.

For the present moment two wings (100 machines) have been taken to Texas for winter training and one wing (90 machines) has remained in North Toronto where they are developing for the first time in northern North America continuous mid-winter flying.

The factory at Toronto, owned by the British government, employs more than 2,000 skilled artisans, and is now turning out aeroplanes for training purposes at the rate of about five a day. Each machine costs approximately \$7,000; therefore, the value of one year's output is about \$11,400,000, which, of course, will be increased as time goes on.

CAUGHT BETWEEN FIRES IN “NO MAN'S LAND”

Experience of Colonel Kirkcaldy
of Canadians Who Had Answered
ed Call for Help

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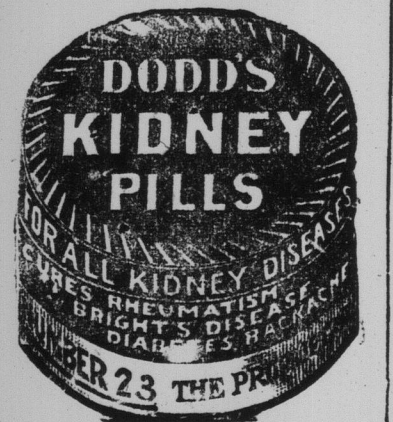
London, Dec. 12.—Colonel Kirkcaldy now is able to get about freely, although still in hospital. His wound was received on the night of Nov. 11, when out in “No Man's Land” where his men were making a sap. A man seventy yards away calling for help, the colonel, thinking he possibly was one of our own wounded, ordered the remainder of his party to remain behind while he moved forward guided by the cries. He got within twenty yards and then called and suddenly a German opened quick fire on him, the second bullet crashing into Colonel Kirkcaldy's left shoulder. The colonel, who carried a rifle, dropped into a shell hole and blazed away in reply. Our troops on either side and behind, not knowing that the colonel had gone forward and believing the Germans were attacking, opened fire. The colonel thus was between two fires but eventually he got safely back to the trench. He walked to the dressing station, refusing a stretcher. A doctor sent him back in ambulance to the Australian hospital at Ypres. Here his battalion were unable to get in touch with him for three days. Consequently reports spread that he was dead.

He speaks in greatest admiration of the conduct of all his battalion at Passchendaele where, amid exceedingly severe fighting, every rank from officers to runners, showed amazing coolness, cheerfulness and resources. They swept through the German lines so quickly at one point that they came upon officers emerging from their dugouts, hands in their pockets, to see what the disturbance was about.

In Newtown, Kings county, on Dec. 5, Mrs. Henrietta G. Harrison, wife of Lemuel Harrison, died at the age of sixty-seven years. She leaves her husband, four sons, Melbourne and Fred in New Hampshire; Gilbert in Florida and Harold at home; and two daughters, Mrs. W. Nickerson of Newtown and Mrs. T. W. W. of St. John's.

She was a daughter of the late Charles Wesley Stockton of old Loyalist stock and sister of the late Fred Stockton of Sussex.

The death of Mrs. Harvey Tingley took place at the residence of her son, Irvine Tingley, Point de Bute, on Thursday. She was seventy-five years old and leaves one son, Irvine. Her brothers are Busby Oulton, Jollicure; Albert Oulton, Skowhagan, Me., and George J. of Moncton. The sisters are Mrs. Robertson of St. Louis, Me., Miss Mary Oulton of Boston, Mrs. Leonard Richardson, Amherst.



POLITICAL SITUATION IN GREAT BRITAIN

(New York Times.)

London, Dec. 11.—Rumors have recently been in circulation of an impending political crisis and the decision of the government to appeal to the country by a general election. Premier Lloyd George has now held office for a year, and opinion is divided as to whether he has, in the common phrase, “made good.” The daily newspaper press generally continues to give his National ministry loyal support, but the weekly organs, particularly, make many criticisms of it.

Among politicians, however, there is, according to the rumor, a strong current against the government, and, although Asquith is understood to be opposed to any cabinet against Lloyd George, there is an idea that at any moment certain discontented sections of parliament may unite to ouster the government on one of the other of several measures now before the house. Feeling its position to be insecure, the government, it is reported, is determined to present this alternative to parliament, “Either you give us adequate assurance of your support, or we appeal to the country.”

There has just passed through the House of Commons an electoral reform bill which enormously alters the present electoral situation. Women will have the vote, and soldiers and sailors are to have their rights of franchise secured, even if under the present registration they have lost their electoral qualifications. This measure could be pushed through the upper house and a new register made up in two or three months' time. The question among politicians is would the government go to the country on the present electoral register, which is now four years' old, or wait until the new register was completed?

The Canadian Khaki College.

(London Canadian Gazette, Nov. 22.) Nothing could be more happily conceived than the so-called Khaki College which has been brought into existence in the Canadian overseas forces. By means of the college, the Canadian soldiers now in British camps (nearly 600 of them are in the ranks, and 200 of them are French-speaking Canadians), who were at the time of enlistment students at Canadian universities, will be enabled to continue their studies. Canadian student registrars, ex-university professors, constitute the teaching staff, and no difficulty has been found in raising the \$50,000 needed to carry out the enterprise.

Organization is possible in the midst of such a war as this, is the best possible evidence of the high morale to be found in the Canadian army.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Buck-Macfarlane.
At the home of Fletcher Macfarlane, Moncton, on Wednesday evening, his only daughter, Miss Annie May, was united in marriage to Reuben Allen Buck of Dorchester.

Hatfield-Tower.

The marriage of Miss Ada Tower of Sackville to Otto Hatfield of Port Greenville, N. S., took place on Wednesday in the Sackville Baptist church.

Urquhart-Siddall.

At the Methodist parsonage, Amherst, by Rev. Mr. McConnell, on Wednesday, Miss Annie Siddall of Sackville post office staff was married to Daniel Urquhart, formerly of Springfield, but now of Sackville.

Col. Roosevelt: “There must be nothing half-hearted in our attitude in this war. Therefore, we must not only be loyal to all our Allies, we must also make war on all our foes.”

WILSON CALLS ON ALL TO JOIN THE RED CROSS

Proclamation Sets 10,000,000 as The
Mark of New Membership Aimed At

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Wilson has issued an appeal in which he urges every one not already a member to join the Red Cross in the course of the membership campaign, starting next Sunday, and continuing until Christmas Eve. An effort will be made to add 10,000,000 new members to the 5,000,000 in the organization.

The President's appeal reads:

“To the People of the United States: Ten million Americans are invited to join the American Red Cross during the week ending with Christmas Eve. The times require that every branch of our great national effort shall be loyally upheld, and it is peculiarly fitting that at Christmas season the Red Cross should be the branch through which your willingness to help is expressed.

“You should join the American Red Cross because it alone can carry the pledges of Christmas good-will to those who are bearing for us the real burdens of the world war, both in our army and navy, and in the nations upon whose territory the issues of the world war are being fought out. Your evidence of faith in this work is necessary for their heartening and cheer.”

“You should join the Red Cross because this arm of the national service is steadily and efficiently maintaining the overseas relief in every suffering land. Administering our millions wisely and well, and awakening the gratitude of every people, our conscience will not let us enjoy the Christmas season if this pledge of support to our cause and the world's weal is left unfulfilled. Red Cross membership is the Christmas spirit in terms of action.”

“WOODROW WILSON,
“President of the American Red Cross.”

PARIS FEARS PORTUGAL WILL FOLLOW RUSSIA

Resemblance Seen in Recent
Revel to First Act of the Work-
men's and Soldiers' Delegates

Paris, Dec. 14.—The situation in Portugal inspires more apprehension as further details arrive here concerning the recent revolutionary upheaval. It is felt to bear a disquieting resemblance to the first act of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegation in Russia.

Dr. Sidonio Pais, who fomented the revolution, says the Matin's correspondent, has put under lock and key the revered President Machado and Premier Costa, the two men to whom Portugal's entry into the war on the side of the Allies is due. The correspondent says Senor Costa had a strong majority in parliament, while the opposition which has overthrown him has very slight support in the electoral body. Machado Santos, the rebel leader, who is one of the three men who have taken power, the correspondent adds, had been in prison since December, 1916.

While not accusing the members of the new government of working knowingly for Germany, the Matin points out that the insurrection was directed against the most trusted friends of the Allies, and says that as long as anarchy is likely to result it can only be of benefit to Germany and to have a serious effect on the whole of the Iberian Peninsula. If only by giving dangerous encouragement to the Chauvinists in the Spanish military

Liberal Rallies

Thursday Evening, Dec. 13th
Temperance Hall, Fairville.

Friday Evening, Dec. 14th
City Hall, West St. John.

SPEAKERS:

Dr. A. F. EMERY,
Dr. W. P. BRODERICK, and others

BOMB FOUND ON SHIP AT SEA

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 13.—The report that a bomb was found in the shaft alley of the Norwegian steamer Bergsdalen, which sailed from here last week for a foreign port, has been verified by a letter received today from the ship.

It stated that the infernal machine was discovered by the chief engineer. When it was timed to explode was not disclosed. The bomb was placed on the ship at this port.

Gourley-Gibbons.
At the Brunswick Baptist parsonage, Fredericton, on Wednesday, Rev. G. C. Warren united in marriage Clarence Gourley and Miss Bessie May Gibbons, both of Devon.

Don't Diet Yourself

TO CURE
DYSPEPSIA
IT ISN'T NECESSARY

The sufferer from dyspepsia and indigestion who has to pick and choose his food, is the most miserable of all mankind.

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