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# LOYD GEORGE IN THE HOUSE

Motion For Committee To **Investigate Charges Lost** by 293 to 106.

THE PREMIER IS CHEERED

Quotes Papers To Prove He Got His Facts From Gen. Maurice.

London, May 9.—The Lloyd George ministry has won vindication in the British Parliament at a time when defeat would have meant a Government crisis. A motion by former Premier Asquith asking for the appointment of a special committee to investigate sensational charges made by Major-Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, published earlier in the week, was voted down by a vote of 293 to 106.

Stirred by the imminence of a cabinet crisis, the people of London crowded the public galleries long before the debate opened. The diplomatic and peers' galleries also were thronged. Immediately after the introduction of Mr. Asquith's motion the premier took the floor and spoke in defence of the Government. He refuted the charges of Gen. Maurice, and declared that statements made in his recent speech, to which Maurice's charges referred, were made on information received from Gen. Maurice's department of the war office. He showed also by documentary evidence that the extension of the British line was made because of pressure exerted by France, and that the defision was taken on the advice of the military authorities, in agreement with Field Marshal Haig, the war cabi-

the delision was taken on the advice of the military authorities, in agreement with Field Marshal Haig, the war cabi-net having interfered in no way in the matter, although it approved of the

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When the premier left the House he was loudly cheered.

While Mr. Asquith disavowed any intent to put the present Government to a crucial test, it was felt that in the event of an adverse vote the Lloyd George cabinet would have quit office. Mr. Lloyd George asserted the figures which he had given were taken from official records at the war office. Since that time he had made inquiries on this point, he added, and the figures were not inaccurate. vere not inaccurate.

Breach of Discipline.

"Gen. Maurice made a flagrant breach of discipline. Mr. Asquith should have deprecated it. If his motion is carried, Mr. Asquith will again be responsible for the conduct of the war."

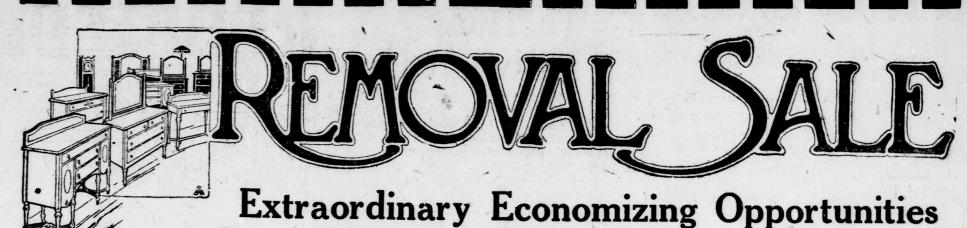
Lloyd George quoted a document from Maurice's department issued nine days after the premier's speech confirming. Maurice's department issued nine days after the premier's speech, confirming that the combatant strength of the British army was greater in January, 1918, than in January, 1917. Regarding the extension of the front, the premier said, Maurice was at Versailles, although not present in the chamber. The extension was never discussed there, Lloyd George said, it being already an accomplished fact.

Lloyd George said the statement regarding three British divisions being in Egypt was made at a Cabinet meeting. Maurice, he said, was present, but did not correct him.

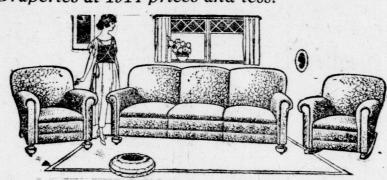
ENDS MAURICE'S CAREER.

The principal point of the premier's defence was that the disputed statements had been based on information furnished by Major-Gen. Maurice's department of the war office, and that Major-Gen. Maurice never had questioned them while he was in daily conference with the cabinet. He said that Gen. Maurice had ceased to hold office "for good or bad reasons."

Personal feeling between the former premier and his successor was evident, and it appears to increase progressively with each of the clashes incident to their positions as head of the Government and lead of the contract of th ENDS MAURICE'S CAREER. their positions as head of the Government and leader of the Opposition.
The status of the controversy, as it now stands, is virtually that the defence has been heard, but the accuser has not. Whether he ever will be is doubtful. The case of Major-Gen. Maur-



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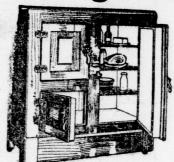
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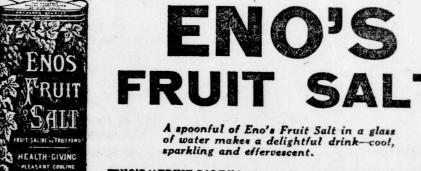
London, May 9.—The city of Amiens is being systematically destroyed by German artillery fire, in spite of the fact that there are no allied troops in that place, and it is of no military value since the Allies have constructed new lines of communications artiside. new lines of communications cutside the city. The venerable cathedral, one of the finest in Europe, is reported to have been struck by shells and to be in peril of destruction.

SIR BRIAN MAHON IS LEAVING AS CHIEF OF THE ARMY IN IRELAND

London, May 10.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Brian Mahon. commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland, announced publicly last night that he was to leave Ireland. He said that he did not know who his successor would be.

This confirms rumors current for several days that important changes in the military command in Ireland are pending. The departure of Gen. Mahon it is believed will be regarded in Ireland as

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