

GREAT APPEAL OF PREMIER ASQUITH AT NEWCASTLE

"Master and Men Together Will Deliver the Goods."

10.00 A.M.

NEWCASTLE, To-day. The British Prime Minister, Herbert Asquith, who so often during his Premiership has had to gloss over the statements of his Cabinet colleagues in an appeal to-night to workmen of the Northeast coast to speed up the output of munitions of war, refrained from all references to the strike question and declared there had been no slackness on the part of employees or employers. The necessity for greater effort, he said, arose from the fact that an enormous quantity of munition was being expended and the success of recruiting among workmen and the consequent shortness of skilled labor. This was being remedied and the Premier foreshadowed the enlargement of the present plants and utilization of factories otherwise engaged to do Government work with proper compensation. The appeal was addressed almost as much to employers as to the men, although the meeting was entirely for workers, and manufacturers were told in plain terms that they must not expect to make undue profits from Government contracts. The Prime Minister was accorded a great ovation. He will visit some of the armament works on Tuesday to-morrow. Premier Asquith said he was here to speak not only to the men of Newcastle and Tyne-side, but through them to the men of the Northern coast, for in no other area of the Empire, not even in Flanders or France, were the national fortunes of Britain or her success so intimately bound up than with the efforts and energy and with the patriotism and self-devotion of those like his hearers. Such men, the Premier continued, were specially called by the supreme exigencies of time and by their own capacities and opportunities to render their best service to the State. We tried, said Asquith, without success to minimize the conflict, but our honour, our security, our glorious traditions, our best hopes and our cherished ideals were put in the issue. The Premier declared that the demand for men and material was so vast a scale that it might be said without exaggeration that the whole nation was taking part in the war. The armies fighting at the front, like the armies which were being brought into being, were drawn to a degree never before known from all classes and sections of the people. There were very few houses which had not voluntarily and spontaneously contributed their best manhood to the forces of the Crown. Men who were producing material were in their ranks like sailors, soldiers, fighters and combatants in this national war. No man was worthy of the name of British citizen who was not taking his part in it. In the early days of the war, said the Premier, the Government had appealed for recruits and had obtained the largest and finest body of men who had ever followed the colors. They came not for adventure or for glory, said the Premier, but with a spirit which enabled us to make good. Our casualties can be described only as a spirit of self-sacrifice. The same spirit is needed in the departments of war with which we are dealing to-night. I am not here to allege remissions. Never has there been better equipment. I saw a statement recently by that our work at the front was being crippled by lack of supplies. There is not a word of truth in that statement. The Premier also denied that the Government had only become lately alive to the importance of the matter, and declared that in September he had appointed a committee of the Cabinet, headed by Lord Kitchener. The effort of this committee had largely increased the supplies. Nor is it true that there has been general slackness of any employees or employers, continued the Premier. Some employers registered 67 to 69 hours per week per man. The situation can be otherwise explained. It is due to the unprecedented scale on which ammunition has been expended on each side, to shortness of skilled labor and to success in recruiting. Two hundred and seventeen thousand miners had enlisted, twenty per cent of the total number, or nearly fifty per cent of men of military age, said the Premier. There was an influx of seventy thousand men from other industries. There was still a shortage of fourteen per cent of former numbers, the result being the present diminution of twelve per cent of the normal output, while the war had caused an increased demand. Asquith appealed to the men to rival the patriotism of their fellows who had gone to the front by regular attendance at work and an increase in output. All were

called upon to make sacrifices. These sacrifices included the limitation of profits, temporary suspension of restrictive rules and customs with provision for reasonable compensation in cases of proven injury or loss. Manufacturers of war material, he said, were not entitled to undue profits. Trade unions would not prejudice their interest by suspending their rules. Firms suffering by transfer of labor or by inability to carry out their civil contracts would receive prompt and adequate compensation. All claims would be settled at once by a tribunal set up by the Government. The Premier congratulated the men on the formation of the committee of Newcastle, which was devoting itself to bringing in skilled labor to fill vacant places in armament firms. This was the first deficiency to be made good. The next thing was to broaden the bases of production by utilizing works which at present are devoted to other purposes for the manufacture of munitions. "I state my own conviction," said the Premier, "that I say that once productive factories are organized and mobilized, all will be well. I remember your message: 'Masters and men together will deliver the goods.' That is all we ask you to do."

11.00 A.M.

CONSCRIPTION NOT NECESSARY.

LONDON, To-day. In the Commons, Lloyd George gave a definite answer as to whether the Government would introduce conscription. He said the Government was not of opinion there was any ground for believing the war would be more successfully prosecuted thereby, and advised that conscription was very gratified with the response to his appeal for volunteers. Lord Curzon tried to get further information respecting operations in Mesopotamia and throughout Africa, but he was little more successful than his colleague in the Lower House. Earl Curzon said no fighting had occurred in Nyassaland since the Germans were defeated in September, while in Northern Kamerun the British and French forces were dealing with a German stronghold. Along the remainder of the frontier there was many minor engagements. Very considerable losses had been inflicted on the Germans.

SUCCESSFUL AIR OPERATIONS.

LONDON, To-day. Two French aerial squadrons attacked the railway positions along the Rhine on Monday, says a Zurich correspondent. The operations were successful, and the railway stations of Mulheim and Habsheim were destroyed. Immense forage stores at a Mannheim were set on fire, the buildings and contents being completely destroyed.

INTEGRITY OF CHINA.

LONDON, To-day. The preservation of the common interest of all Powers in China by the insurance of the independence and integrity of the Chinese Republic and the principle of equal opportunities for commerce and industry of all nations in China, was declared by Sir Edward Grey to be the policy of the British Government in China. Sir Edward Grey spoke in the Commons and was asked questions concerning negotiations now going on between China and Japan. He replied that under present conditions while negotiations were still proceeding, he was not able to make a decided statement. Speaking generally, however, he declared the policy of the British Government in China continued to be governed by the terms of the Anglo-Japanese agreement as defined above.

1.00 P.M.

TORPEDO BOATS TRY TO RUN THROUGH DARDANELLES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, To-day. An official statement issued to-day by the War Office, says: "It is now known definitely that six torpedo boats attempted to penetrate the Dardanelles on Monday night. There had been no previous announcement of concerted effort on Monday night by vessels of the allied fleet to run the Straits, and the above despatch

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SUCCESS VERY IMPORTANT.

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Stephano Arrives.

The Red Cross Liner Stephano, Capt. Smith, arrived in port last night from New York and Halifax, bringing a full cargo, and as passengers in saloon:—From New York—E. Tonogatti, Hon. R. Watson, A. Sheard, R. G. Rendell, Mrs. M. Wing and 4 in second. From Halifax—A. K. Lumsden, L. Mager, J. Jardine, E. Dixon and wife, Mrs. G. Knowling, Miss E. Ayre, L. M. Trask, E. C. Rayworth, F. F. Davis, Mrs. Benedict, W. H. Dodd, W. G. Parsons, Mrs. J. Balfour and infant, Rev. Dr. E. Jones, A. R. Laphrie, Miss K. F. Murphy, Miss J. Quinn, Miss M. Quinn, G. F. Kearney, D. Nicholson, J. R. Stick, Miss M. Seymour, Mrs. F. Donnelly, J. Jackman, Miss M. Furlong, M. Sharp, and 8 second class. The ship is being discharged with all possible despatch as she is set down to sail again to-morrow at noon.

NEW PRODUCTS COMPANY.—Yesterday at the House the Premier gave notice that on Thursday he would move certain resolutions dealing with a contract between the Government and the Nid. Products Company, Ltd. The said resolutions we understand, deal with the new enterprise on the West Coast, Labrador, in which Thomas Wilson, of card file fame is interested.

EXPERT ARRIVES.—There arrived by the Stephano to-day from New York, Mr. E. Tonogatti, an Italian expert at marble work, who has been engaged to superintend the erection of the new railing in the R. C. Cathedral.

In Milady's Boudoir.

By OWEN SEARS.



KEEPING THE MOUTH HYGIENIC.

Each morning the grooming and thorough brushing of the teeth and cleaning of the mouth should be accomplished with vigorous perseverance. The morning cleansing gives a purer and more healthful breath and takes away the accumulations that may have gathered on the teeth during the sleeping hours. Before using a new tooth brush, it should be allowed to soak for two hours in cold water, as this prevents the usual shedding of the bristles, and the tooth brushes should be kept clean and antiseptic and frequently renewed, and the brushes should always be placed with bristles down after using until the water has been drained from them. Teach children never to crack nuts or bite bread with their teeth, for it is understood that once the enamel which is a thin shell covering the tooth structure and not the tooth itself, is injured, cracked or worn, trouble is bound to ensue. It is not enough to brush the teeth and gums every morning, though this is important; one should use an antiseptic mouth wash, and one of the most beneficial washes for daily use is a weakened boric solution, and this is prepared by dissolving one-half ounce of boric powder in one pint of warm water. Great care should be given to the selection of powder or pastes used for cleansing the teeth, as some powders have sufficient roughness in the material to wear the enamel, and the best way is to make a good powder at home. An excellent and safe powder is made by mixing well together one-half ounce each of white Castile soap powdered, boric powder and pulverized sugar and two ounces of prepared chalk, one ounce powdered orris root and one-half drachm powdered winter-green. If tooth powder is used daily and the mouth rinsed out with the boric solution after brushing the teeth at night, it will tend to prevent chemical changes, which during sleep take place without hindrance, unless some preventatives are used.

Fads and Fashions.

Boleros are surely in high favour. Black veilings are most favoured. Evening gowns are made of tulle. A lovely orchid shade is a bluish lavender. Shantung pongee is in favor for summer dresses. Summer hats studded with beads are very pretty. Taffeta basques are used on all kinds of gowns. Hats with transparent brims are decidedly smart. White waists, of course, will lead during the summer. Wash skirts are made of pique, cordelle and linen. Many evening toilettes are entirely of white tulle. The "officers tunic" suit is hard to beat for a chic effect. Pockets are mostly confined to the sports style of skirts. Jet buttons are excellent on white crepe de chine bouases. Charming buttons are of silver crocheted or silver filigree. New skirts gain fullness by a series of puffs and ruffles. There are collars low and broad and there are collars high. PLATE GLASS WINDOW SMASHED.—At 2 p.m. a horse attached to a box cart became frightened on Duckworth Street, at the foot of King's Road, and backed into the shop window of Mr. Geo. Hudson's dry goods store, smashing the glass in pieces.

DIED.

On Tuesday, 20th inst., at his late residence "Thornlea," John Bray Ayre, in his 65th year. Funeral at 8 o'clock p.m., Thursday. No flowers. Ot Foster's Point, April 19th, Alice, aged 8 years, darling child of Marnie and Willis Gullford.

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