

REMARKABLE TRIUMPH FOR LLOYD GEORGE

Repeated Cheers Even From His Opponents in Commons

HELD ALL ENTHRALLED

Has Greatly Strengthened His Position As Well As Justifying His Paris Speech—Still Believed There Are Difficulties Between Prime Minister And Military Chiefs

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London, Nov. 20.—Lloyd George's defence yesterday was a remarkable personal triumph, sweeping away all opposition. Mr. Asquith's forensic, cold criticism failed to touch the realities of the situation, but the premier quickly gripped the house. As he warmed up, both sides burst into repeated cheers even the front opposition bench sitting enthralled under his oratory, like sinners under the grip of great revivalist.

no soldiers anywhere had their strategical dispositions less interfered with by politicians; that never in the whole history of the war in this country have soldiers received more consistent and more substantial backing than they had this year. He asserted strongly that nothing of military character this year had been done or left undone except upon advice of the general staff.

(Canadian Press.) London, Nov. 20.—The reception of Premier Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons by the morning newspapers justifies the assumption that the storm which lately threatened a crisis has passed, not only without diminishing the premier's hold on the country, but perhaps even strengthening it. It is conceded, even by his opponents, that the speech was in the premier's best manner, and was a parliamentary triumph. Editorial encomiums flow freely from his supporters, while the comments of hostile critics lack the ferocity of previous denunciations.

Replying to Hon. Mr. Asquith, the premier denied that Winston Churchill had anything to do with the composition of the Paris speech and added: "Let me say at once that I considered the speech carefully. If the speech was wrong I cannot plead any impulse or that it was said in the heat of the moment. I considered it and delivered it for a deliberate purpose—I have seen resolutions for unity and co-ordination where are they? You might as well throw them straightway into the waste paper basket."

"I may know nothing of military strategy, but I do know something of political strategy, and to arouse public opinion in such a matter and convince public opinion of its desirability is strategy not of an easy kind. That is why I did it and it has succeeded. (Loud cheers.) It was determined to deliver a disgraceful speech that would force everybody to talk about the scheme and it has been talked about on two or three continents with the result that America is in, Italy is in, France is in, Great Britain is in, public opinion is in and that is vital." (Loud and continuous cheers.)

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CAPT. HAYES, M.C., TO POSITION HERE

Casualty Officer For No. 7 District—Major Jost Reports Duty

That Captain Ralph Hayes, M. C., of this city, who recently returned from the front, is to be appointed district casualty officer of Military District No. 7, was the information received in the city this morning. The duties of casualty officer up to a few months ago were carried on by Lieutenant Frank E. Groves, who recently crossed overseas. Since that time the duties have been carried on chiefly by Lieutenant-Colonel Powell in addition to his own duties. Now that New Brunswick has been made a separate district, another officer is being taken on the strength.

Major A. C. Jost, of Guysboro, N. S., who was recently appointed chief director of medical services for Military District No. 7, arrived here this morning and reported for duty.

Major Jost went overseas as medical officer of the 64th Battalion and when that unit was broken up he was appointed to the medical staff in France. Prior to the outbreak of the war he was the officer commanding the Corps of Guides for Military District No. 6.

SIR JOHN WILLISON IN SPEECH IN BOSTON

Arouses Enthusiasm by References to Comradeship of Battle Between Americans and Canadians

Boston, Mass., Nov. 20.—Sir John Willison of Toronto aroused the enthusiasm of 800 members of the Canadian Club last night by lauding the comradeship of battle between Americans and Canadians, out of which, he said, was to come "the integrity of nations, free men, free seas, a free world." Sir John declared that the British Empire had done its full share in the war, and added: "In the future journey a great army of Americans will march with us, as bravely and as proudly as any armies that this great conflict has called to the field, conscious that they seek no vulgar glory or doubtful conquest, and unconquered because the cause for which they fight is as righteous as any for which men have contended since time began."

OFFENSIVE AGAINST ALLIES IN MACEDONIA?

London Paper Reads This in Austrian Statement of Operation in Albania

London, Nov. 20.—An Austrian official statement received here claims a completely successful operation against an Italian bridgehead at Peras, on the Lower Verussa river, Albania, the garrison being driven off and considerable booty taken. The Daily Mail calls attention to the statement pointing out that the Italian defenses on the Lower Verussa protect the port of Avlona, from which Peras is twelve miles away, and suggests that it is the initial step in an offensive against the allied armies in Macedonia, which Premier Venizelos of Greece, and other observers have been anticipating. Avlona and the neighboring Italian lines being in the nature of flank positions of the Saloniki army.

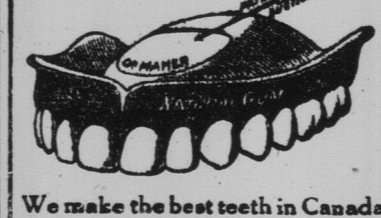
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