

## RUMORS OF LLOYD GEORGE'S REPLACING PREMIER ASQUITH

### M. Alexander Trepoff Receives Appointment to Russia Premiership

#### LAST WORDS OF FRANZ JOSEPH LAUD BRAVERY AND DEVOTION OF PEOPLE

#### New Emperor of Austria Confirms Members of Hungarian Cabinet in Their Offices—A Biography of Charles the First, Ruler of the Dual Monarchy and Austria-Hungary

London, Nov. 24.—A special edition of The Wiener Zeitung has published the following farewell words on Emperor Francis Joseph to his peoples, army and navy, according to a Vienna despatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam.

"To my beloved peoples I express my heartfelt thanks for their loyalty toward me and my house in happy days as well as in times of distress. The consciousness of this attachment has done me good and strengthened me in fulfilling my imperial duties. May they continue to observe the same patriotic feelings toward my successor.

"My army and navy I remember with feelings of deepest thanks for their bravery, loyalty and devotion. Their victories gave me joyful pride and their unmerited misdeeds painful sorrow. The excellent spirit which at all times has animated my army and fleet and both my landwehrs gives me confidence that my successor can also count on them not less than I did."

To Premier London, Nov. 24.—9.50 a.m. Emperor Charles of Austria has addressed the following imperial rescript to Premier Koerber, according to a Vienna despatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam quoting The Wiener Zeitung:

"Dear Dr. von Koerber: "Bearing in mind my constitutional duty to take the oath and exercise the executive powers of government, according to article VIII. of the constitution of September 29, 1868, I await from you proposals tending to the fulfilment of this stipulation. Dated Vienna, November 23, 1916.—Charles."

To Hungarian Premier London, Nov. 24.—Emperor Charles of Austria has sent an autograph letter to Premier Tisza of Hungary confirming him and the Hungarian ministers in their posts, according to a Budapest despatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam.

A Biography. Vienna, via London, Nov. 24.—Charles I. of Austria, the new ruler of the Dual Empire, was born on August 17, 1887, at the Imperial chateau of Persenbourg, overlooking the Danube valley. His childhood training was entrusted to the Archduchess Marie Theresia and the Archduchess Maria Josefa, assisted by an English governess. He is credited with having shown a considerable precocity in learning to read and write and to have developed a special ability in acquiring languages. When he was seventeen years old, the young prince joined the First regiment of Uhans as lieutenant and was later transferred to the 7th regiment of dragoons. His military education was interrupted in 1907 when he commenced the study of law at the university of Prague. He was graduated the following year and returned to his regiment, being promoted to captain on November 1, 1910. Three weeks later he was married to Princess Zita of Parma, a member of the Italian Bourbons. He remained with the army and in 1912 was promoted to major and two years later reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Became Heir The assassination of his uncle Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo, on July 28, 1914, made him heir to the throne, and on July 25, of the same year, he was appointed colonel of the First Hussar Regiment.

Prominent in War The opening months of the European war were spent by the emperor in the headquarters of the Austrian commander-in-chief, Archduke Frederick. In January, 1915, he went to the headquarters of the German Emperor on a special mission, and in July of this year, was promoted Major General and Rear Admiral. Subsequently he spent considerable time inspecting the troops on the various fronts, by command of the Emperor Francis Joseph, and in March, 1916, was created field marshal and vice admiral, receiving at the same time the command of an army corps on the Italian front.

The Emperor took part personally in the great offensive against the Italians in May, of the present year, and his services were rewarded by the order pour le merite. In July of the present year he was transferred to the command of an army in East Galicia, consisting of a composite force of Austro-Hungarians, Germans and Turks. Last October the new emperor took charge of Austria's armies against Roumanians.

Is Popular Emperor Charles is reported to be a great favorite with the soldiers and to like to talk familiarly with the men in the trenches. He is tall and slender of build with a very round, ruddy face and a hearty laugh. He is credited with being a man of modern views, and highly progressive tendencies, and it is believed that under his administration the Austro-Hungarian Government system will undergo many changes.

EMPEROR CHARLES I. By Courier Leased Wire. London, Nov. 23.—According to the Berlin correspondent of The Copenhagen Politiken as quoted in a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, Archduke Charles Francis of Austria-Hungary will assume the title Emperor and King Charles I.

Ely's Neckwear at Broadbent's.

PROBS Toronto, Nov. 24.—The important disturbance which was situated over Lake Michigan yesterday morning now covers the lower St. Lawrence Valley, causing fresh to strong gales from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean, accompanied by snow and rain in Ontario and Quebec and the Maritime provinces.

Forecasts West to northwest gales, decreasing during the night, colder with snow flurries and local snow falls Saturday; fresh northwest winds clear and cold.

#### Guynemer Bags His 23rd Plane

Paris, Nov. 24.—French aviators took part in forty aerial engagements on the Somme front, during which five hostile machines were brought down, sub-lieutenant George Guynemer, accounting for his twenty-third German machine.

Jaeger Wool Taffeta Shirts at Broadbent's.

#### THE BRITANNIC SUNK BY MINE

British Hospital Ship Was Not Torpedoed By Submarine.

New York, Nov. 23.—The officers of the White Star Line have been advised by the British Admiralty that the Britannic was sunk by a mine. The officials of the line here stated today that the following message had been received by the head office in London:

"Regret exceedingly to inform you Britannic sunk by mine in Aegean Sea. Loss of life not exceeding fifty."

#### MOVEMENT TO PLACE MR. LLOYD-GEORGE HEAD OF BRITISH CABINET

COURIER CHRISTMAS EDITION A special Christmas Edition will be published by The Courier this year, on Saturday, December 10th. There will be three extra sections supplementing the regular issue. Of these, one will be a handsomely colored section, replete with Christmas stories, etc. Another section will be devoted to an illustrated record of the part taken by Brantford and Brant County in connection with the war.

There will be no additional charge to regular subscribers, but extra copies will be printed, and may be secured at 5 cents each. Orders for extra copies should be left with carriers or at the office, at once.

#### Is Said to be Receiving Considerable Attention in England To-day; Strong Feeling For New Blood and Ideas in the Government Said to Exist

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Nov. 24.—The London correspondent of The Tribune cables as follows:

An attempt apparently is about to be made to shelve Premier Asquith and place Lloyd-George at the head of the cabinet. All signs point that way, but it is impossible to estimate the chances of the opponents of the premier who has faced the same situation successfully several times since the coalition was formed.

The conservative Morning Post refers to Lloyd-George as "the power that makes for victory; he is a force to which the nation may adhere and which the nation may follow."

London, Nov. 24.—(New York Times Cable)—The Chronicle's parliamentary correspondent writes: "Rumors are flying about of an impending reconstruction of the government. There does not appear to be much solid ground for them. They seem to spring from a state of mind rather than directly from reality, but it is undeniable that the House of Commons just now is very critical of and dissatisfied with the government.

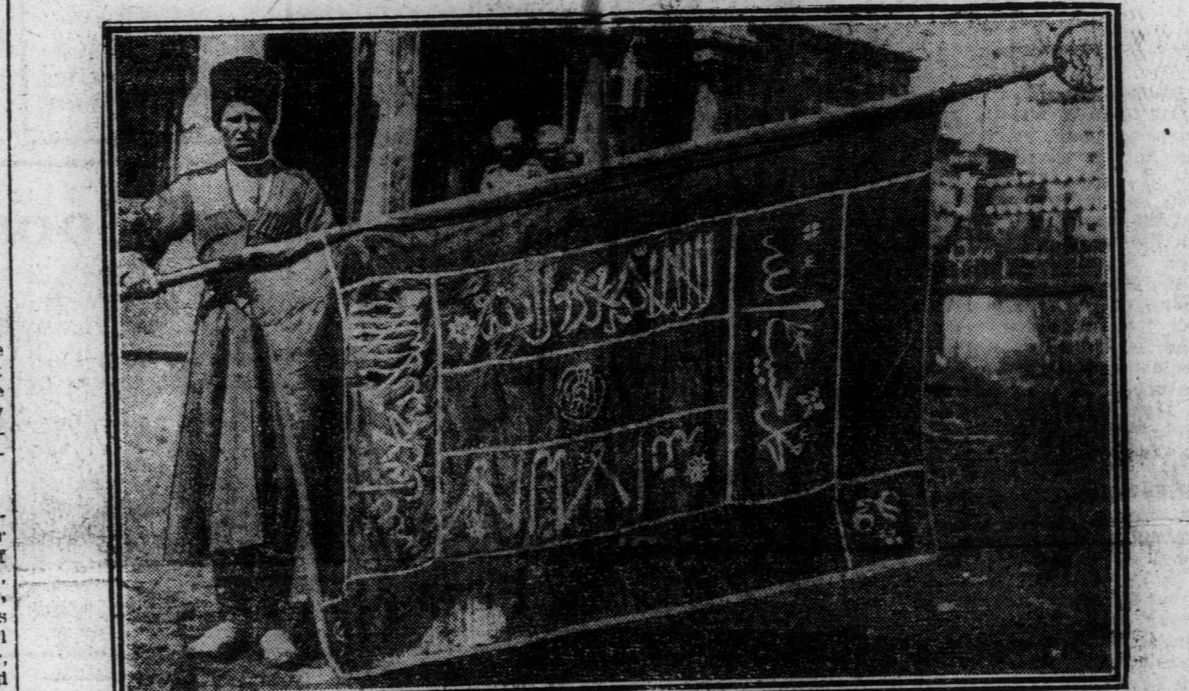
"It is the misfortune of a coalition that from its nature it excites animosity and repels affection and when, as now, there is an unfavorable military event or a difficult economic situation, shortcomings come in for scathing criticism. The 'ginger groups' point to the Balkans and the submarine menace as evidence of its incapacity to wage war with foresight and vigor. At the other extreme the opponents of conscription assert that our shipping troubles and some of our food problems have been caused by the wholesale withdrawal of men from productive employments, and that as we enlarge the army so we make inroads into our reserves of economic strength.

"Thus assailed from two opposing sides, the opposition of the government is not an easy one. It has few defenders in the house. The ministers themselves have apparently no liking for the task of self vindication for nothing of the kind is attempted, though perhaps the coming campaign in the country may do something in this direction."

The Evening Standard says: "There is a natural reluctance to show any disloyalty to the prime minister, but it is strongly felt that new blood and new ideas are wanted and Unionists are beginning to look on Lloyd-George as the only possible natural leader."

It continues with advocacy of the formation of a new party, to be headed by Lloyd-George and composed of Liberals who have abjured free trade and Unionists who want to get rid of the Irish difficulty and cut adrift from the traditional policy on land, church, House of Lords, labor and other questions which have been the mainstay of the cabinet, but it is certain that As-

#### TROPHIES OF THE BIG CHASE



Turkish flag captured by a section of Russian Cossacks. These magnificent troops of the Czar have shown themselves more than a match for the nomadic riders sent against them by Turkey.

#### HON. A. E. KEMP RECEIVES POST OF MILITIA MINISTER

#### Native of Quebec Succeeds Sir Sam Hughes in Important Office - His Appointment Popular Throughout the Dominion

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—Hon. A. E. Kemp was sworn in late this afternoon as Minister of Militia and Defence, succeeding Lieut.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes.

The selection of Mr. Kemp for the important office of Minister of Militia was announced to a cabinet council this afternoon by the prime minister. At 5 o'clock Sir Robert Borden, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Rodolphe Boudreau, Clerk of the Privy Council, motored to government house, where Mr. Kemp was formally sworn in before His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire.

Mr. Kemp's assumption of the militia portfolio necessitates a bye-election in East Toronto. Nominations will take place on Thursday, December 14, and the election, if there is to be a contest, on the 21st. It is considered doubtful that the Opposition will contest the re-election of Mr. Kemp, but in any event there is no uncertainty as to the outcome.

The appointment of Mr. Kemp is a popular one in Ottawa. Although his position in the cabinet since the formation of the present administration has been that of a minister without portfolio, he has on more than one occasion, as acting head of departments, shown high administrative ability, and his work as chairman of the War Purchasing Commission has been beyond effective criticism. Mr. Kemp was for a time acting minister of militia during one of the absences of Sir Sam Hughes in England, and his administration of the department was the subject of very favorable comment.

War Purchasing Commission. It is not unlikely that Mr. Kemp will maintain some connection with the War Purchasing Commission, although there is as yet no authoritative information available on this point. The commission's work has been organized so thoroughly under Mr. Kemp that its direction by the two remaining commissioners may be sufficient.

The new Minister of Militia is a native of Quebec, having been born at Clarencelle in 1858. He has had an exceedingly successful career as a manufacturer in Toronto, and was for two years, in 1895 and 1896, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Three years later he was elected president of the Toronto Board of Trade, an office which he held for two years. The Board of Trade, in 1898, appointed him as a delegate to the British Association at its annual meeting in Bristol, and in 1900 as a delegate to the fourth congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire in London.

Hon. Mr. Kemp has taken an active interest in public questions since 1895. He was elected to the House of Commons as member for East Toronto in 1900 and 1904, defeated in 1908, and re-elected by a majority of 4,801 in 1911.

YOU ARE INVITED By H. J. Smith and Co., to attend the concert in Victoria Hall, on Monday evening next, the 27th, and hear the eminent English Tenor, Harry Williamson, who will sing in conjunction with the New Edison Diamond Disc. Admission by card, which may be obtained at the Music Store, 112 Colborne Street.

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#### SIR HIRAM MAXIM, INVENTOR, IS DEAD

#### Was Originator of Automatic System of Firearms, and of Gun Bearing His Name.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Nov. 24.—8.20 a.m.—Sir Hiram Maxim, inventor of the automatic system of firearms, died at his home here early this morning.

Sir Hiram Maxim was born in Sangerville, Maine, on February 5, 1840. He was a descendant of English puritans, who were among the early settlers of Plymouth county, Massachusetts. After a meagre schooling he went to work in a machine works of his uncle, Levy Stevens, at Fitchburg, Mass. At twenty-eight he was a draftsman in New York City, where he invented a new locomotive headlight which went into general use. He also did much to perfect automatic gas machines for lighting private houses. In 1877 he took up the question of electricity and was among the first to make dynamo electric machines and electric lamps in the United States. He took out a great many patents on electrical machinery and in 1881 was made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor by President Grévy.

The Maxim automatic gun was invented in 1884 in London and was immediately adopted by the British, who used it in the war with Matabele. The gun fired 600 rounds a minute and caused such slaughter that parliament seriously discussed the question as to whether its use was justified. Some years later Sir Hiram created a baronet by Queen Victoria after having become naturalized as an Englishman, invented the first smokeless powder.

In 1894 Sir Hiram Maxim invented a heavier than air flying machine which raised itself from the ground carrying a driver and passenger. This was nine years before the first practical aeroplane was created by the Wright brothers. Sir Hiram's machine was a ponderous affair and broke down in its early trial. In 1915 the inventor was appointed a member of the invention board created by the government to meet the needs of the war.

#### Proud Record of Trinity Church

The shipping of Christmas boxes to those of its members on active service overseas was completed this week by Trinity Anglican Church, which boasts of the proud record of having every eligible member of the congregation in khaki at the present time, the pastor, being Capt. the Rev. S. E. McKegney, chaplain of the 215th Battalion. Of the congregation, seven have now been invalided home from the front as unfit for further service; others have been wounded, six have made the supreme sacrifice for king and country. The others are accounted for at the front to-day, in the training camps of the Old Country and the Battalions which still remain in Canada.

You are invited to dine in the Tea Room or Grill Room next time you are detained down town. Home cooking with the best of foods used only and good service are pleasing a larger number of customers daily. Dinner 35c. Hot Luncheons 25c.—E. B. Crompton & Co., Ltd.

#### HUNS FEEL PRESSURE OF WAR, NEED FOR STILL MORE MEN

#### Compulsory Service of all Between Ages of 17 to 60 is Now Contemplated, and Bill Enforcing it is Before Main Committee of Reichstag

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Nov. 24.—The German auxiliary service bill is considered by Secretary of the Interior von Loebell as surpassing in importance all previous war measures, according to an Amsterdam despatch to Reuters, describing the debate on the bill before the main committee of the Reichstag.

Von Loebell opened the debate on the bill which provides the services of all men from 17 to 60. He said that beside the millions whom it would render liable to service in the army, it would affect three million others to be called upon for other services in this war, which "is not only a war of armies, but a war of political economy, a war of nations." Explaining that the object of the bill was the mobilization of labor, the minister declared that instead of the lack of employment which prevailed at the beginning of the war there was now a positive lack of labor, especially in the manufacture of munitions and war material of all kinds. He said that the bill is intended to assure the sustenance of the laboring population and that conscription would only be used as a last resort and was not needed for women.

"The bill must prove to the whole world," he said, "Germany's determination to fight with all her forces to the uttermost."

General Groner pointed out that the exertions of the British minister of munitions necessitated a considerable increase in the manufacture of munitions in Germany. He explained that the bill proposed to add to the army all men liable for service who had hitherto been regarded as indispensable at home.

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