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NEW DOMINION PARLIAMENT OPENED

DEVONSHIRE CALLS NATION TO A SUPREME WAK EFFUKT NEW PAHLIAMENI UPENS

Gov.-General Urges Every ENGLISH MINISTERS Energy Be Used in Prosecution of War-Good Fellowship Feature of Animated Scenes at Ottawa-No Seat Yet Assigned White.

Ottawa, March 18.—Animated scenes preceded the formal opening of the House this morning for the purpose of electing a speaker. The corridors of Parliament were thronged with members, new and old. The new members, who number 125, were mostly here. In the Commons chamber Mr. W. B. Northyng the purpose of the House

Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding appear on the first page.

Good Feeling Prevails.

The bell summoned the House to meet promptly at 11 occock, and the members soon thronged the chamber. There was much hand-shaking and every appearance of good-fellowship prevailed. Sir Robert Borden and several of the cabinet ministers were not in the Commons before the members were summoned to the Senate to receive instructions to elect a speaker. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who arrived early, shook hands with Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Major-General Mewburn, Hon. N. W. Rowell, Hon. J. Calder and other ministers, and a large number of members on both sides of the House. It was observed that Hon. W. S. Fielding took his seat at a considerable distance down the siste on the Opposition side of the Meuse in the Verdener withle Dr. Michael Clark and the sector. at a considerable distance down the aisle on the Opposition side of the House, while Dr. Michael Clark and Mr. Fred Pardee occupied seats near the ministers on the Government side. Mr. J. G. Foley, clerk of the crown in chancery, presented the roll of members to the clerk of the House, and immediately after Col. Ernest Chambers, usher of the Black Rod, with the customary tepping on the door of the House of Commons chamber arrived to summon the commoners to the Senate, where they were instructed by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick to return to the Commons and elect a presiding officer. Mr. Northrup, the clerk of the House, had previously made the formal announcement that the Commons was without a speaker.

The Throne Speech.

The following is the speech from the throne delivered by the Duke of Devenshire this unorung:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Sen-

Gentlemen of the House of Com-You have been summoned to the You have been summoned to the first session of a new parliament in the midst of a world-wide struggle which vitally concerns the liberties, the institutions and the destiny of our country and of the whole world. Thus the responsibilities and duties imposed upon you are even graver and more farreaching than in the ordinary course of public affairs, Bearing with you a new mandate from the people, and animated by the unfaitering spirit which has inspired to me during the long and anxious years of effort which has inspired them during the long and anxious years of effort and sacrifice I am confident that you will bring to the discharge of your public duties an unflinching resolve to sustain the high cause in which our country has already borne so splendid a part.

Must Not Shrink.

After nearly four years of war the Issue still remains undecided. The effort which yet lies before us demands our sternest resolves, but we shall not shrink from it if our hearts are as firm and our courage as undaunted as those of our countrymen who hold our battle line beyond the seas. The Canadian Expeditionary Force still sustains its unbroken record of distinguished achievement to which it has notably contributed since the close of the last session. Must Not Shrink. Notwithstanding a greater delay han was anticipated in the opera-ion of the military service act the necessary reinforcements to keep our forces at full strength have been provided, and this purposa will be maintained in the future.

In order to extend the principle act to In order to extend the principle of the present civil service act to the outside service and thus to provide that all appointments to the public service shall be made upon the sole standard of merit, further enabling legislation will be necessary. Mantime the principle thus

sary. Mantime the principle adopted has been carried into effect, as far as possible by an order-in-council, which will be before you.
To Develop the Land. To Develop the Land.
My advisers are impressed with
the necessity of a strong and progressive policy of immigration and
colonization accompanied by suitable provisions to induce settlement upon the land, to encourage
increased agricultural production,
and to aid in the development of
agricultural resources. In pursuance of this purpose, the ministry
of immigration and colonization has mmigration and colonization has n established by order-in-coun-and necessary legislation to firm this action will be laid connection with the demobil-In connection with the demobilization of our forces, my advisers recognized the urgent necessity of provision for the care and vocational training of returned soldiers. Organized effort to provide such training, to assist them in obtaining employment, and to aid in establishing them in the activities of civil life, is not only important, but essential. A department of the Government for this purpose has been constituted, and has been invested with necessary powers.

invested with necessary powers. Legislation to confirm this action will be submitted to you. Women's Franchise Bill. Measures which have been taken y order-in-council to prevent exessive profits in certain industries, a stimulate and increase the prouction of food, and to encourage

and develop the shipbuilding in Continued on Page Nine. CONSTANTINE'S SPIES PLACED UNDER ARREST

zers, who were landed on the west AUSTRALIA WILL FREE coast of the Peloponnesus by a German submarine, have been arrested They are said to have been sent by Former King Constantine to obtain information on the state of the kingdom, and to have received instructions per-

sonally from the former ruler,

FALSE TO HONOR, IS CHARGE OF DILLON

New Leader Accuses Them of Betraying John Redmond.

Enniskillen, Ireland, March 16.—"From the grave of John Redmond, there is a great lesson to be learned by British the Commons chamber Mr. W. B. Northrup, the new clerk of the House, and the other officials were busily enaged swearing the members, who, after aking the oath, signed the roll. The rst couple of sheets of the roll, which, susual, is a brilliantly illuminated ocument, is devoted to the names of the ministers of the crown, with the keepilon that the names of Sir Wilfrid aurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding apart on the first page.

Good Feeling Prevalls.

been engaged in heavy fighting on both sides of the Meuse in the Verdun sector. West of the river, the French have gained the enemy positions on a

front of about 1,400 yards to a depth of 800 yards, while east of the river the Germans were unsuccessful in strong attacks on a six-mile front.
Sunday the Germans sent heavy
forces against the French positions
at Samogneux, north of the Bois-deCaurieres and near Bezonvaux. They entered the French lines at various points. Violent French artillery inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers, and they were unable to hold on to the trenches they had gained. The front east of the Meuse has been the scene of much violent artillery fighting in the last month. The French Success.

The French success west of the was made at Malincourt, west of Dead Man HIII. At the Cheppy Wood, immediatey west of Malin court, the French late Friday penetrated German trenches on a front of 800 metres to a depth of 300 metres. After destroying the positions the French returned with 80 prisoners and 7 machine guns. East of Rhelms, in the Champagne, German troops gained momentarily footing in French positions west of Vaudesincourt, but suffered heavily under a French counter-attack which restored the situation. Raiding activities on the British front have died down somewhat, and the Germans, for the moment at least, have given up their strong raids on the Ypres-Arras line. The artillery fire here and in the Cambral area, however, is Intense. British airmen persist in their bombing ralds against miltary targets, and have accounted for 23 more German

machines. On the American sectors at Toul and Luneville there has been no change in the situation. American patrol parties are still visiting the enemy lines and returning with valuable information. On the Toul front, the American artillery fire has been very heavy, the gunners shelling biliets, troops and works over an area approximately six miles wide and two miles deep. East of Luneville also the artillery bombardment has

ALLIANCE SECRETARY COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Toronto, March 18.—Rev. Ben H. Spence, secretary of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, was today committed for trial, on a charge of having in his possession literature banned by the press censor, namely, some hundreds of copies of "The Para-site." Pending trial Mr. Spence is on

BRANTFORD IS BREWING A GREAT TIME FOR "FIRSTS"

bail of \$200

Brantford, March 18.—As soon as the news was received this morning that the men of the "Original First" were at Halifax, and were expected to be here on Triesday or Wednesday, steps were taken by the local Soldiers' Aid Commission and Mayor McBride to prepare a fitting reception. The men would be met at the station by a band, to the tooting of horns, ringing of the fire bell and blowing of factory whistles. The men will be paraded to their homes in automobiles. Within a day or two afterwards a civic banquet will be tendered to the furloughed veterans and all others who have preceded them, together with their wives. Mayor Mcgether with their wives.

'SEVENTEENTH' PARADE WAS OFF AT MONTREAL

Montreal, March 18 .- St. Patrick's Day parade, which usually is one of the big events of the year in Montreal, was not held yesterday, out of respect to the memory of John Redmond. A to the memory of John Redmond. A solemn high mass was held in St. Patrick's Church, with Archbishop Bruchesi presiding at the throne. A ic of St. Patrick was exposed for the

ALL SHIPS FOR ALLIES Kingston42 London, March 18.—The Australian Government, according to a dispatch to the Times from Sydney, has completed a scheme which frees all large oceangoing ships for the use of the Allies.

A pool, which will control 120 ships engaged in coastal trade, will be formed.

AUSTRIA STARTS TO DEMOBILIZE

Amsterdam, March 17.—A Vienna dis-patch to the Vossische Zeltung of Ber-in says demobilization of three of the Lansturm levies serving with Austrian forces, consisting of men in 1867, 1868 and 1869, will begin

ON WEST FRONT

Washington Believes Massing of Troops For Defensive Purposes Only.

"While hostile preparations for an of-fensive in the west are not slackening," the review says, "it is becoming more evident that the enemy will launch the offensive only if compelled to do so by the exigencies of the general strategio London's homes, but the position of the investigation of the circumstances by

The nature of the information upon which the opinion is based is not disclosed. It is noted that fresh German all citizens. livisions have arrived on the western nt and the German lines are said to approaching the point in density bend which it would be impossible to go
thout choking communication lines
d hampering free movement of re-

Apparently, however, this attration has come to be regarded Substitution of the statement is devoted to the activities of the American troops ow engaged on five separate fronts, one which the Americans have been in-Elsewhere on the western front the

men have made great bombing raids on the German cities of Kaiserlautern, in Bayarla, and Zwelbrucken. Railway sta-tions, factories, barracks, and hangars have been hit, and it is believed imise damage done. Rest billets, amense damage done, reest bliefs, am-unition depots, and airdromes have so been bombed, many tons of projec-es being dropped. In three days' fight-g, British airmen brought down 28 hos-e machines and damaged 10. Six Brit-

sh machines are missing. ARCHRISHOP HEALEY DEAD. TUAM, Ireland, Saturday, March 16.

The Most Rev. John Healey, arch-bishop of Tuam, died today. He had occupied this archbishopric since 1893.

THE WEATHER

terwards a civic banquet will be tendered to the furloughed veterans and all others who have preceded them, together with their wives. Mayor McBride declares that in this war year this will be the only banquet provided at city expense.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last lights, 1; lowest, 35.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 38; lowest, 27.

Today—Fair and mild.
Tuesday—Fair and milder.
Temperatures. Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Calgary Fair

YOUNG SON OF MAYOR WHO DIED OF WOUNDS IN CLEARING STATION

of the sectors lying close to the Swiss dear one at the front, understands. Order. The official communique, however, adds nothing to recently published reports of the raids and trench fighting the Americans have been in

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new surroundings, there were many men who formerly had sat at the left of the speaker, but who today found themselves to the company of former opponents to his right. Some of the latter sought some sort of a compromise by allowing themselves to be carried into the overflow of the foreign of the latter to the overflow of the foreign of the latter to the overflow of the foreign of the latter in the overflow of the foreign of the latter in the overflow of the foreign of the latter it was said that the number of dead was 30.

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If was to the neighborhood of Sir Wilfid Laurier that the spectator cast his eye. On the front row were Bureau, Lapointe, Marcil, Murphy, Laurier, Lemieux, Behind were Turgeon McCoig, Devlin, Robb, Kay, Gauthier, Copp, and still further back Jacob, McMaster, White (Alberta) and Molloy. Hon, W. S. Fleiding, who supported Union, nevertheless sought a seat on the Opposition side, but lack from the certail Greek will give the Government independent supported in the war measures. Dr. Clark will give the Government independent supported in the form of the color of the supposition still forn to row soft the Government side, but considerably without the inner circles. He will great a considerably without the inner circle, He will great the form of the color of the color of the inner circles. He will great the circle of the latter than the solution of the color of the latter than the color of the color of

ALL NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., March 17 .- The worst blizzard Newfoundland has experienced in twenty years, for the last three days has completely blocked railroad and coastwise steamer traffic. Only one death, that of a truck man in this city, who perished with his horse while trying to make his way home last night, had been reported today as a result of the storm although much suffering was the storm, although much suffering was caused.

The crew of the fish-laden schooner Prospero, which foundered near Cape Race, after leaving here for Europe, was brought back last night. A number of vessels moored for the winter were driven to sea, and it was feared that some shipping disaster might be report-

side today. TWO YEARS IN PRISON

FOR INSUBORDINATION

TEUTON TROOPS

Occpy Two Cities Southwest of Moscow-Balked at One Point.

London, March 18.—German troops have ocupied Bakhmatch and Konotop (in the Province of Tchernigov, about 350 miles southwest of Moscow), but were forced to retire from Briansk (in the Province of Orel, 200 miles southwest of Moscow) towards the main base, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Moscow dated Saturday. Austro-German troops are moving on Woroshba, and Kharkov (capital of the province of the same name, and about 400 miles south of Moscow). Orders have been given to evacuate

FINNISH COUNCIL FOR COMPROMISE WITH HUNS

Russian Banks Will Denationalize Under German Pressure. requested permission to follow her husband into exile.

It is reported that, under German pressure, the banks will soon be denationalized.

BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE ALAND ISLANDS

Stockholm, March 17.—Communication with Helsingfors and other points in Southern Finland has been broken. The Germans are believed to have cut the cable between Sweden and the Aland Islands Aland Islands.

Winnipeg, March 18.—Four conscientious objectors, convicted on Friday at Minto Barracks on a charge of insubordination, have been sent to the penitentiary for two years each with hard labor. The men are Robert Clegg, Ralph Naish. Charles Mattheson and Cedric Wainwright. Clegg is an International Bible student, who laid charges of ill-treatment against officers in the Minto Barracks recently.

SWIRE SMITH DEAD.

London, March 18.—Sir Swire Smith, Liberal member of Parliament for the Keighley division of Yorkshire, died in London Saturday. He had traveled extensively in America studying technical education methods. His work at the Keighley Institute caused Andrew Carracks recently.

WOUNG MAN HELD OVER MURDER AT MONTREAL

Montreal, March 18.—The police have not yet arrested the suspected murderer of H. Gagnerez, who was stabbed to death on Thursday evening, but they are holding a young man in the belief that he can throw some light on the murder. SWIRE SMITH DEAD.

CALLING HOUSE FAR IN RUSSIA WAS IRREGULAR, LAURIER SHOWS

Liberal Leader Points Out the Importance of Sticking to the Rules.

RHODES NAMED SPEAKER

Sir Wilfrid Approves Selection

WILL RESPECT VATICAN

Rome, Monday, March 11.—The Austral ariators who made the raid on Naples set forth from Cattaro. On their return voyage they passed near dents of Rome were instructed to rebain within doors, with all lights out.

At the Vatican the opinion was expressed that Rome would never be bombed, owing to the presence of the pope. The lighting plant at the Vatican the pope's apartment were not cut off, although it was agreed later that in the event of future raids the current would be stopped.

BLIZZARD SWEEPING

In every respect the French armies are in a better condition than when the Germans made their first rush into first rush into far a bundant, and the heavy artillery. At the opening of the court Deputy than Sheriff B. F. Watterworth presented the judge with a pair of white gloves are abundant, and the heavy artillery are abundant, and the heavy artillery troops of every branch of the service dents of Rome were instructed to rebonded, owing to the presence of the pope. The lighting plant at the Vatican the opinion was expressed that Rome would never be bombed, owing to the presence of the pope. The lighting plant at the Vatican through a particularly favorable winter during which their fighting spirit has been kept to the highest point of efficiency by frequent raids, reconnaissance and small operations, which all-gent for court opened at the court house this afternoon. Chief Justice Sir Glenholm Falconbridge presiding.

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The grand jury should be inspected, the judge not considering it necessary that public buildings should be inspected.

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alleges the explosion was due to a de-feduive valve connection. The de-fendants on the other hand claim that ne accident was the result of Rush's of caution. Seven no-jury cases are listed for rial, although it is expected an adournment will be asked in some of he actions.

MAKES MAJORITY 4,353 Official Election Returns for London Riding Show 3,131 Soldiers' Votes.

Official returns for the soldiers' vote in London federal riding have been received by George S. Gibbons, defeated Labor-Liberal candidate. These figures place the majority of Major Hume Cronyn, M. P., at 4,353. The figures are: Cronyn, Gibbons Hvillan vote8,240 North America 759 United Kingdom 969 Europe1,168

YOUNG MAN HELD OVER

'ORIGINAL FIRSTS' NOW ON WAY TO THIS CITY; LANDED ON SUNDAY

Big Parties of Officers and Men En Route to London, In cluding Many Who Left With First Contingent in 1914-Majors Hunt, Wilson and Hale, Captains Greenlees. Wheable and Insley Returning.

Long expected, Canada's "Original operations followed his being wounded and resulted in his being invalided home.

Sunday more than 2,000 members of the first Canadian contingent, landed at St. John, N. B., from two British transports. The London members of this quota are expected here on Tuesday.

SWISS "GALL" GERMAN
BULLY OVER SINKING

The Mayor's Bereavement
The bereavement of Mayor C. R.
Semerville, and his family in the loss of the son, Licut. Kenneth Somerville, while serving in France, is a servous common to the community. The blow which was retrieved at the home of the city's cheef managing in the community. The blow which was retrieved at the home of the city's cheef managing in the community. The source of the son, Licut. Kenneth Somerville, while serving in France, is a servous common to the community. The blow which was retrieved by the common of the community of the community

their rifles and refused to obey the commands of their superiors.

"There is going to be utter starvation in Russia before long," said Major Hunt. "The Bolsheviki think that the upper classes have been living from their efforts for centuries, and now they are determined to live in ease and let the bourgeois classes maintain them. The result will be starvation."

HARRY JAMES SMITH,

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Home on Wednesday.

Capt. Geoffrey Wheable will be one of the decorated heroes of the party. He wears the Military Cross, a souvenir of the battle of Passchendaele. He wired his wife, a daughter of Rev. Dr. McCrae, that he had arrived in Hallfax, and expected to reach home Wednesday.

KITCHENER AUTHOR, IS

KILLED IN B. C. CRAS:

New Westminster, B. C., March 18.

Harry James Smith of Kitchener, On author and playwright, on a spec mission in the Pacific northwest as expected with the property of the Ame KILLED IN B. C. CRASH

Wednesday.
Capt. Wheable went overseas as a plieutenant with the 142nd Battalion. During the battle of Passchendaelehe was severely wounded in the foot. The courage he displayed, however, won him recognition. A couple of the car, was seriously injured.

mission in the Pacific northwest as a sphagnum moss collector for the American Red Cross, was killed at Murray-ville, B. C., late Saturday when a train struck his automobile.

A. McPhee of Murray-ville, driver of the car, was seriously injured.

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