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ALL WAS HARMONY IN PARLIAMENT

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SPEECH FROM THRONE WILL BE DELIVERED AT FORMAL, OFFICIAL OPENING OF PARLIAMENT TODAY—HON. MR. HAZENS MOVES FORWARD TO LEFT OF PREMIER—FEELING TRIBUTE TO COL. BAKER.

(Leased Wire.)
Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Hearty applause, in which all members participated, greeted the first official act of the seventh session of Canada's twelfth parliament—the election of Mr. Edgar N. Rhodes, of Cumberland, Nova Scotia, as speaker. The nomination was submitted by the Premier, Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Robert Rogers. It was supported "with very great pleasure and heartfelt congratulations," by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on behalf of the opposition. Both Premier and Liberal leader paid warm and graceful compliments to the new speaker, and the brief discussion concluded with a smiling interchange which set the House laughing and applauding.

"A Happy Omen"—Laurier.
"It is indeed a happy omen," commented Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "on the first day of the session to find such hearty agreement in the initial resolution of the prime minister. May I express the hope that throughout the whole session his resolutions will be of the same excellent character. Then parliament's task will be easy and pleasant."

"I cannot anticipate that every motion I submit during the session will have his approval," observed the Premier in thanking Sir Wilfrid for his cordial words, "but I can assure him that every motion I make will be equally meritorious."

In Senate Chamber.
Previous to the election of Speaker in the House of Commons its members were summoned to the Senate chamber, where Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, acting for the governor-general, bade them return, choose their presiding officer and return again on the morrow.

There was a fair attendance in both houses. The improvised common chamber has undergone several touch-ups during the recess. The Speaker's chair is now canopied with a traditional green and brightly polished brass rails encircle that part of the hall reserved for members. The attendance included practically all the front benches on either side.

Hon. Mr. Hazen Moves.
Hon. Mr. Hazen has moved forward to the seat to the left of the Premier formerly occupied by the late Hon. T. Chase Casgrain. Sir Sam Hughes, now a private member, arrayed in a sober muff, sat towards the back of the chamber along with the other private members.

The newly appointed Speaker having been escorted to the chair by the Premier and Hon. Robert Rogers, and having briefly expressed his appreciation, and the clerk having commended the list of the vacancies which had occurred by the resignations and deaths, and the re-election of Hon. A. E. Kemp in East Toronto, the Premier rose to pay tribute to the memory of the four members who had been called by death since last session—Hon. Mr. Casgrain, Mr. Charles Lovell, Mr. Wm. Gray and Lieut.-Col. G. H. Baker.

Col. Baker's Sacrifice.
Of the latter Sir Robert pointed out that he was the first member of the House to make the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle, and recalled the tribute of an eminent American who had met him: "If all your Canadian officers and men are of the type of that man I do not wonder at the splendid record of Canadians at the front." "Somewhere in France," there was the grave of a beloved and esteemed colleague.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier joined heartily in the tribute to those members who had answered the last summons. Alluding to the heroic death of Col. Baker, the Liberal leader said he had known the deceased officer's father for many years.

"He was a splendid Christian character," said Sir Wilfrid "and impressed all who knew him with his absolute sincerity, high conviction and

noble courage. I am not surprised that his son proved so worthy. We lament his death with pride, knowing that it is the death he would have wished above all others, death in the service of his country."

Orders in-Council.
Sir Thomas White added his tribute, after which the Premier laid upon the table the orders-in-council appointing Mr. F. B. McCurdy as parliamentary secretary of the militia department, Mr. Hugh Clark as under-secretary for external affairs and Sir George Perley, as "minister of the overseas forces of Canada." Sir Wilfrid inquired if the Premier would bring down the correspondence relative to the proposed imperial conference and Sir Robert Borden replied in the affirmative.

The house then adjourned till tomorrow when the formal opening by His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, will take place.

Thrift Resolve First One.
Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The first resolution on the Commons order paper is one which appropriately enough calls for the exercise of "thrift, efficiency, honesty and common sense."

Mr. Northrup (E. Hastings) who fathers the resolution calls for the specific exercise of these virtues by asking parliament to meet every day and every evening except on Sundays and statutory holidays. The adoption of the resolution would mean the cutting out of the usual Wednesday night adjournment at six o'clock and the free Saturday.

Mr. Northrup has also given notice of the re-introduction of his resolution of last session providing for a system of divorce by act of parliament. The resolution says the latter procedure is unfair to the majority of people "because of unreasonable expense."

Woman Suffrage.
Donald Sutherland (South Oxford) has given notice of a non-committal woman's suffrage resolution. It declares that the question of extending the franchise to women "should engage the attention of the government at the present time."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley is moving a resolution declaring for federal extension of the franchise to women. Dr. Pugsley has also given notice of an amendment to the criminal code providing for some minor amendments to the code in respect to divorce.

J. G. Turiff (Assiniboia) has given notice of a resolution which will be generally supported by the Liberal side of the house at least, calling for the adoption of the proportional representation system in the election of members of the Commons.

Col. Currie (West Simcoe) will move a resolution calling for an immediate imperial conference "in order that the whole economic strength of the Empire may be brought into co-operation with our allies in a policy directed against the enemy."

Mr. McCoig (W. Kent) has a resolution calling for the removal of the duty on beans in order that beans for seed may be brought in to meet the shortage caused by the failure of the bean crop of last year.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—John Stanfield, M. P. for Colchester has resigned his position as chief whip of the Conservative party. His resignation as a

ENTENTE ALLIES MAY DISEMBARK TROOPS AT ITEA, A GREEK PORT.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The text of the recent Allied ultimatum to Greece, presented to the state department today by Charge Vouros, of the Greek legation, reveals that the Allies notified the Athens government in the communication "that military necessity may lead them shortly to disembark troops at Itea for passage by railroad to Saloniki."

Athens, Jan. 18, via London.—Control by the Entente Allies in Greece will be exercised by "delegates from all the four powers. Russia is sending a special officer there for this purpose."

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London, Jan. 18.—The government's decision to call half of the skilled agricultural workers to the army and replace them by men who are now scheduled for sedentary work, or women, has evoked a flood of angry protest from the farmers, and a deal of sharp press criticism on the unwise course of such a course.

KITCHENER POST OFFICE TROUBLE SUBSIDES.
Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The post office trouble regarding the changing of the name of the Ontario city of Berlin to Kitchener is practically over. Very few letters are now coming addressed to Berlin for the post office department took ritual action to cure German-Americans of their desire to give trouble.

Kingston, Jan. 18.—The arrival of a raid by a German submarine, according to stories told by passengers on the liner Almirante which arrived here today from the West Indies.

No street lights burn at night in Kingston, the arrivals said, and there is extreme activity in the harbor, where searchlights nightly play from the fortifications, and fleets of small boats patrol the harbor entrance both at night and day.

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CELEBRATED SHIP IS IN DISGUISE.

Steamer Yarrowdale with Survivors of Sunken Vessels Arrives at Cape Verde

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 18.—(Bulletin)—The British steamer Yarrowdale, with 400 men of eight ships sunk by the German raider in the South Atlantic, arrived January 16, at Sao Vicente, Cape Verde Islands, according to reliable information received here.

It is considered almost certain here that the German sea raider is the Moeve, the German armed vessel which captured the Appam and sank Entente ships in Atlantic waters a year ago.

The American consul at Pernambuco has cabled the embassy here confirming the landing of several Americans from vessels which fell victim to the raider. He added that no American ships had been sunk by the German craft, and that all the American sailors landed were among the crews of foreign vessels.

According to reports from an authoritative source the Moeve is understood to have sailed from Kiel under the Danish flag, carrying a cargo of hay on the bridge to conceal her armament. When last seen the Moeve was painted black, with white markings. Her armament included four torpedo tubes in service and several tubes in reserve. She is believed to have carried a mine-laying apparatus.

Disguised Ship.
The raider also carried a large number of auxiliary plates, which would permit her commander to change the appearance of the bridge at will. In addition she had collapsible funnels.

The vessel, now believed to be the Moeve, was repainted several times, and under the last coat of paint were observed traces of the Danish flag, which had been painted on the hull.

As yet there is no news of the British steamer Yarrowdale, which under command of German officers, was reported yesterday to be proceeding for a number of the shipwrecked crews aboard. The steamer Hudson Maru, which arrived at Pernambuco with survivors aboard, will remain there as a war prize under the jurisdiction of the German minister.

The Brazilian naval authorities consider the Hudson Maru a German vessel. It is expected that the steamers Drina and Samara, which were reported to have fallen victims to the German raider, will reach port at the end of the week, coming from the north. The Germans are circulating fantastic reports, to which the steamship companies and maritime authorities give no credit.

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RUSSO-ROUMANIANS HALT HUN ADVANCE

British Make Further Progress North of Beaucourt-Sur-Ancre -- Russians Shell Two Towns in Dobrudja, Roumania, Held by Von Mackensen's Men -- Tripolitan Rebels Routed by Italians.

LORD ELGIN, A CANADIAN BORN, DEAD

Was Direct Decendant of King Robert Bruce and Was Scion of Noble Scotch Family.

London, Jan. 18.—The Earl of Elgin died today.

Victor Alexander Bruce, ninth Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, was a direct descendant of King Robert Bruce of Scotland, the victor of Bannockburn. The baronetcy was created in 1603 and the title of Earl of Kincardine and Baron Bruce of Torry was bestowed on the oldest of the family in 1647. The Earldom of Elgin was created in 1633.

Lord Elgin was born at Monklands, near Montreal, May 18, 1849, while his father was Governor-General of Canada. He became lord lieutenant of Fifehire in 1886 and was secretary of state for the colonies from 1905 to 1908. He was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford. He was first commissioner of works in 1886 and 1894 to 1899 was viceroy of India. The Earl of Elgin's mother was the fourth daughter of the Earl of Durham. In 1876 he married Lady Constance, second daughter of the ninth Earl of Southesk, by whom he had six sons and four daughters.

The grandfather of Lord Elgin, the seventh Earl, was ambassador to Turkey and collected the celebrated Elgin marbles. The eighth Earl was plenipotentiary to China and a distinguished viceroy of India. The successor of the late Earl is his son, Lord Bruce of Broomhall, Dunfermline, Fifeshire.

Violent Artillery Fire.
On the Russian front and in Galicia there has been violent artillery activity and minor fights between raiding parties at isolated points. Near Smorog the Russians have carried out successful raids and sapping operations, according to Petrograd. In the region of Krasin a Russian force entered a German position, but later was driven out.

The British in France have further extended their gains of Wednesday near Beaucourt-Sur-Ancre. The French and Germans in the Vosges mountains, in Lorraine and near Soissons, are engaged in artillery duels, which are described by the French war office as being of a "rather serious character."

British Report.
London, Jan. 18.—The report from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads:

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Special to The Standard.
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He conducted a woodworking factory for many years and has for several years been the efficient town treasurer. Among those who mourn are a widow and three children, Bert K., a soldier at the front; Percy W. and H. Kathleen Bourne.

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Waterbury, Conn. Jan. 18.—Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland knocked out Young Drummond of Jersey City in the tenth round of a scheduled twelve round bout here tonight. They fought at catch weights.

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One prisoner charged with assault occupied a cell at the North End police station last night.

SWISS GENERAL STAFF FEARS THE INVASION OF SWITZERLAND CONTEMPLATED BY GERMAN MASSES CONCENTRATING NEAR BASEL, WITH VIEW OF FREEING ALSACE FROM FRENCH.

London, Jan. 18.—"Swiss newspapers assert that masses of German troops are concentrating near Basel," says the Exchange Telegraph Company Geneva correspondent. "The Swiss general staff is convinced that an invasion of Switzerland is contemplated with a view to freeing Alsace from the French invader."

Geneva, via Paris, Jan. 18.—The courteous, even flattering, reply from the Entente Allies to the Swiss note supporting President Wilson's inquiry of the belligerents regarding the war aims has given much satisfaction at Berne. At the same time, however, it is considered a hint that in the future any step towards peace would be considered premature and unwelcome.

The War Situation.
The advance of the Teutonic Allies in Roumania apparently has been brought to a standstill, for the time being at least, by the reinforced Russians and Roumanians. In the latest Berlin official communication the early successes reported for the invaders were gained through a surprise attack between the Suchitza and Putna valleys, where the army of Archduke Joseph captured an officer, 230 men and one machine gun from a hostile position, and south of the Oltuz road, where a strong Russian attack was repulsed with artillery and machine gun fire.

On the other hand the Roumanians put down a German attack south of Monestiar-Kachinul, and southwest of Prelea surrounded a German position and captured a large number of men and four machine guns.

The Russians are shelling the towns of Trilcha and Isakcha, across the Danube in Dobrudja, while the Bulgarian guns are active against hostile shipping and military positions near Galatz and Isakcha.

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