

Sir Sam Hughes Back to His Work in Ottawa Will Make Statement in the House To-morrow Brantford Will Not Obtain Military Camp

SOLDIER'S CAMP WILL NOT BE ESTABLISHED AT BRANTFORD

Definite Word Received to That Effect This Morning From Ottawa—Committee of City Council Did Much Work to Get Men Placed Here For This Summer.

Ald. J. S. Dowling received the following letter this morning from Ottawa: Sir—With further reference to your telegram of the 6th inst., regarding the establishment of a camp at Brantford, I have the honor to inform you that the very generous offer of the city of Brantford to give free light and water to camp ground at Brantford, it noted, but as the general policy regarding summer camps in Military District No. 2 has already been formulated and does not include a camp at this point, it is regretted

the Department is unable to meet your wishes in this matter. I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, CHAS. FISET, Surgeon-General. Deputy Minister. Some time ago a committee of the city council was appointed to look into the matter of trying to get a camp of soldiers located in the vicinity of Brantford for the summer. The committee made a special trip to Ottawa, and Ottawa staff officers came here and looked over the sites offered, also men from the headquarters staff of the 2nd Military Division in Toronto. However, evidently the military authorities thought otherwise.

MIKE O'LEARY, V.C., IS "SPACHELESS"



Michael O'Leary, V.C., the sergeant of Canadian Mounted Police, who so gallantly won his V.C. early in the war and is now a lieutenant, was home on leave for a few days recently, and was the star attraction at South Shields, where the picture shows him being welcomed by the Lord Mayor with all his official regalia. The man between them is O'Leary's father, who is, naturally enough, proud of his big boy. O'Leary said he could not make a speech—the more he tried the worse he got.—(Exclusive Copyrighted Service, in conjunction with the London Daily Mirror.)

SIR SAM ARRIVES IN OTTAWA; BIG CROWD MADE HIM WELCOME

Hon. Robert Rogers and Several Conservative Members Met the Minister at the Station—Immediately Proceeded to Premier Borden's House and Had Long Conference.

Ottawa, April 17.—His return necessitated by the charges, which have been leveled against the Canadian shell committee and the resultant judicial inquiry that is to be made into the fuse contracts, Gen. Sir Sam Hughes is back in Ottawa from England. The general arrived yesterday afternoon and was accorded a kindly and sympathetic welcome by a crowd of upwards of a thousand people, among whom were many officers and men of regiments now recruiting in Ottawa. To enliven the scene the band of the Governor-General Foot Guards were on hand and as the Minister of Militia alighted from his car it struck up the strains of "Home, Sweet Home." The New York train, on which the party returned had a breakdown at Maxville and with a disabled locomotive pulled in, just two hours late. A big crowd, which had been on hand to see the returning minister at noon went away and came back again. It was a somewhat notable gathering. Hon. Robert Rogers was at the station to meet his colleague. A number of Conservative members, Deputy Speaker Rhodes, Major Stewart, Col. Tremaine, J. A. Sexsmith, William Gray, Frank Glass, Tom Wallace and W. H. Bennett extended the "glad hand" to the minister, who also was welcomed by Gen. Henry Smith, Col. Helmer, Col. MacDonald and Dr. J. W. Borden, of headquarters staff of the militia department. Col. David Casgrain of shell com. and Stewart McLaughan, president of the Ottawa Conservative Association. The band played enlivened airs when the arrival of the express was awaited and the crowd grew to a good-sized proportion. THE ARRIVAL The train arrived shortly after 2 o'clock. Travelling from New York with him were Eugene Lafleur, K.C., of Montreal and J. S. Ewart, K.C., who are to act as counsel for the general and his aide, Capt. John Bassett and Col. William MacBin and Vice-President Dalrymple, of the G.T.R. The party was met at Montreal by General Macdonald. As the train pulled in the first to alight was the Minister of Militia. He was in multi and apparently in good health and spirits. His military secretary, Col. C. T. Winter, was the first to welcome him and then came Hon. Robert Rogers, who exchanged a hearty handshake. "Hello, Bob! I'm glad to see you," exclaimed the general, who was forced to hold an impromptu reception for his friends and to inspect a line of youngsters on the platform. He shook hands with everyone from the high officers of the department in full regalia down to a small newsway and a colored porter on the railway commission's cars. Then, escorted by the Hon. Mr. Rogers, he walked up the concourse and got a cheer from the crowd, which pressed against the gates. Sir Sam seemed a trifle flushed over his reception and modestly bowed his acknowledgments. His automobile was waiting and he was whirled away to his residence on Elgin street, immediately afterwards returning to the Chateau Laurier for lunch. For upwards of an hour a curious crowd passed around outside to catch a glimpse of one of the most talked of men on the continent. General Hughes spent the afternoon and evening with the prime minister and privately discussed the situation. He will make a statement in the Com-

Meeting of Cabinet in Old Country May Have Far-reaching Results on War

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, April 17.—(Continued from Page 1.)—In the Chronicle this morning the parliamentary correspondent says: "The meeting of the cabinet may have momentous consequences. A decision on the question of general compulsion was deferred Friday in order that a sub-committee of the army council, for this purpose the sub-committee met at 10 Downing street on Saturday and conferred with Kitchener, Sir William Robertson, Sir E. Hamley and other military representatives. "To-day's cabinet council will have before it, all of the data necessary to arrive at a decision. The military demands must, of course, be harmonized with the requirements of the navy, the mercantile marine and our productive industries. "The case against conscripting untested married men is that doing so would precipitate an angry contro-

versy and antagonize labor and that the requisition of 300,000 additional men would be dearly purchased at such a price. On the other side, it is argued that all round compulsion is more just as well as more logical and efficient than the capricious methods of voluntarism. "Mr. Lloyd-George is known to be an uncompromising advocate of general compulsion. He reached this conviction at an early stage in the war, has never wavered from it, and would have preferred a measure of all-round compulsion at an earlier date to what he doubtless regarded as a tardy and limited military service act. "But the majority of the cabinet are understood to be averse to general compulsion, saying that there is no real necessity for it and under these circumstances it would be a grave blunder to embark on a policy which might destroy national unity. Mrs. Lillie Baker, wife of City Clerk Samuel Baker of London, is dead.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



The German Trenches in 1917? London Opinion.

HUGHES DOES NOT WORRY

Back to Work This Morning, and is Very Busy. Always Received Well When He Appears on the Streets.

NO CONFIRMATION OF NEWS OF THE DEATH OF VILLA

War Office Anxiously Waiting to See if Report is True. WOULD CALL OFF THE CHASE American Consul at Chihuahua May See the Body.

YOUNG MAN BADLY HURT IN COLLISION

Gordon Standen, on Motor Cycle, Ran Into Street Car, and May Die. YOUNGER BROTHER ALSO HURT

A collision between a motorcycle and a street car shortly after noon to-day, was the cause of an accident in which Gordon Standen, 296 Darling street, was very seriously injured, his condition at present being most critical. Shortly before one o'clock Standen on his motorcycle, was going east along Dalhousie street at fairly good speed. With him in the side car was his younger brother, Alfred. A street car came down Alfred street. Standen had not time to stop his machine after catching sight of it. He endeavored to steer clear of it. It struck the rear end of the car with considerable force. The younger Standen was flung to the boulevard and escaped with nothing more serious than a sprained arm and a shaking up, but Gordon was seriously injured in the collision, his face being badly cut and he sustaining other hurts. Medical assistance was at once summoned to the scene and the injured young man was conveyed as soon as possible to the hospital, where he is now under the charge of Dr. Phillip. The

Austrian Drive on Albania Stopped by Allies' Attacks

Russians and Italians Attacked Austrian Lines at the Same Time Which Upset Enemy's Plans.

TROUBLE AT PORT WELLER

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., April 17.—A detachment of the 98th battalion has just left for Port Weller, where a body of Bulgarian laborers on the ship canal, demanding 25 cents per hour instead of 20, this morning quit work and then chased Russians. Italians and men of other nationalities off the work by pelting them with stones. The police and militia were hurriedly telephoned for. Serious trouble is not anticipated, as the strikers are apparently unarmed. There are several hundred men concerned.

ANOTHER NOTE GOES TO-DAY

President Wilson Sending Another Communication to Berlin.

Col. Smart to Stand.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Announcement was made at the White House to-day that President Wilson had practically completed consideration of the forthcoming communication to Germany, and it was indicated that it probably will go forward to Berlin late to-day or to-morrow. Col. Smart to Stand. By Special Wire to the Courier. Montreal, April 17.—Colonel C. A. Smart of Westmount, now at the front, has accepted renomination for Westmount for the Quebec legislature.

Theatre Attraction APRIL 17-18-19 of Peace Page Warfare ATTRACTION EVER SHOWN! Film its complete ruin just as the Huns. The Canadian medium before the public. Theatre, Toronto, and could not get admission. mented Orchestra PRODUCTION: Boxes 35c Boxes 75c

THEATRE OF FEATURES Espe & Dutton Comedy Novelty Entertainers Coming Monday The Wonderful Photo Play The Battle Cry of Peace ADVANCED PRICES

HOUSE WEDNESDAY APRIL 19th AN AMUSEMENT COMPANY "THE MODISTE"

HOUSE—Good Friday, Mat. & Night Whittaker, Manager. Production of Great American Drama TOM'S CABIN

ello Theatre 10c DAY AND TUESDAY "Poits of Elaine" DAY AND THURSDAY "diamond FROM THE Sky" DAY AND SATURDAY Programme of Interesting Features

Auction Sale of Real Estate. There will be offered for sale by public auction on the premises No. 151 Park Avenue SATURDAY, APRIL 15, at 2 o'clock, subject to reserve bid the following house and lot: 1 1/2 story white brick, containing nine rooms, cellar, furnace barn, electric lights, gas, also good-sized lot in connection with house. Mr. Siragan Sirooman, Proprietor. S. P. Fitcher, Auctioneer.