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GEN. HUGHES IS NOW A KNIGHT OF HIGH DEGREE

His Title of K. C. B. Makes Him Rank Next to the Premier.

AUDIENCE WITH KING

Signal Honor Conferred on Militia Minister at Buckingham Palace.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—A London cable announces that Major-General Sam Hughes, Canadian Minister of Militia, was knighted this afternoon during an audience with King George in Buckingham Palace. He is now a K.C.B. In connection with the knighthood conferred upon General Hughes it is stated that K.C.B. is a civil as well as a military title and ranks higher than K.C.M.G. The only other Canadian K.C.B. is Sir William Otter, who commanded the Canadian troops in the South African war. The only member of the cabinet who has a higher rank than General Hughes is Sir Robert Borden, who is a member of the King's Privy Council.

Ottawa Pleas.
It remains to be seen how the new knight will style himself. He was christened "Sam" and not "Samuel." He is generally supposed. He may assume the whole name of the prophet of old, altho that is unlikely.

News of the honor to Gen. Hughes was well received in Ottawa, where it had somehow become known that something of the kind awaited him in his old country. It is felt that he has done magnificent work, and that his handling of the first contingent, the rapidly with which it was mobilized and equipped and sent to England was a splendid feat.

His Career.
The new knight is 52 years of age, having been born in Darlington, Ont., Jan. 8, 1863, and is the son of the late John Hughes, County Tyrone, Ireland, who came to Canada about 70 years ago. He was educated at the Model and Normal schools, Toronto, Toronto University (honors in English, French, German and history) and Royal Military School. In early years he was a public school teacher and taught at Belleville, where it was made by him that he retired from this profession in 1885, he devoted himself to journalism and was editor and proprietor of The Sunday Worker until 1897, in which year he took part in the military display at London, England, in connection with the coronation of King Edward VII. He held a medal, an offer of the 45th Regiment for active service in any part of the world, and was made a lieutenant in the imperial government at that time. He took part in repelling the Fenian raid 1870 and in the South African war 1899-1900. He led the attack on the capture of Douglas and Orpen's Heights and Fabers Pass, being three times mentioned in despatches. Having held the rank of assistant adjutant-general with the S.A. field forces he was promoted colonel a year after peace was proclaimed. He entered parliament in 1892 and became minister of militia under Sir Robert Borden in 1911, and had been in office but a few months when he abolished the "wet canton" in military camps. His work in connection with the organizing of expeditionary forces for the present war is too well known for review. After the outbreak of the war he was given the rank of major-general.

Previous to her marriage to the minister of militia Lady Hughes was Miss Mary E. Burk, daughter of H. W. Burk, one time M.P. for West Durham.

BRITISH STEAMER SILVIA SUNK BY SUBMARINE

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The British steamer Silvia has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

Available shipping records give two British steamers named Silvia. One of these arrived August 21 at Baltimore from Havana. The other is a tank vessel of 5285 tons. She was last reported as arriving at Halifax May 18.

REPULSE OF ALLIES CLAIMED BY TURKS

British Said to Have Suffered Heavy Losses Also on Euphrates.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 24, via London.—An official statement issued by the Turkish Government at Constantinople and received here today, reads as follows:
"On Aug. 22 the enemy attacked on his new front near Anafarta (on the Gallipoli peninsula), but was repulsed with heavy losses."
"On the Iraq front our troops attacked a British detachment near Akike on the Euphrates inflicting heavy losses."

FIGHTING IN CAUCASUS SHOWS LITTLE CHANGE

Petrograd Reports Some Infantry and Artillery Activity in Passine Valley.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 24, via London.—The following statement on military operations in the Caucasus was issued today by the Russian war office:
"In the coastal region there has been an aerial duel. In the Passine Valley there has been some activity by both infantry and artillery. On the rest of the front there is no change."

SERBIANS CLASH WITH AUSTRIANS ON BORDER

Enemy's Operations on Danube and Save Effectively Halted.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 24, via London, 6:33 p.m.—The following official statement, issued by the Serbian Government at Nish, was received here today:
"The enemy's work on fortifications between Orchaniska and Jozyna on the left bank of the Danube were interrupted on Sunday. A few cannon shots the same day also interrupted the enemy's work on the west bank of the Save, near Pernia. We also prevented the enemy from placing wire entanglements opposite the Island of Dzinahovo."

SIR GEORGE FOSTER RETURNS TO OTTAWA

Sir Sam Hughes is Expected Back Before Sir Robert Borden.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—Sir George Foster returned to Ottawa today after addressing a series of recruiting meetings in the maritime provinces. He becomes acting premier again. The duties of the office were administered by Hon. W. T. White, while Sir George was away.

Sir Robert Borden is expected to return to Canada during the first week of September. He will have been away for two months.

CONDITION OF MONTREAL ALARMS BUSINESS MEN

Will Ask Sir Lorimer Gouin to Appoint Receiver for City.

MONTREAL, Aug. 24.—With a deficit of anywhere from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 in view in the city's finances next year the business men of Montreal are becoming alarmed at the manner in which the civic affairs are being run, and it is said some of them are organizing with a view to asking Sir Lorimer Gouin, premier of the province, to appoint a receiver for Montreal.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS.
To Rev. Father Jeffcott, parish priest of Adjuhi, born in Tralee, Ireland, on Aug. 25, 1857.

You Can Save Substantially at Diene's Today.
Just before putting on their great fall showing at Exhibition time, the Diene Company, 140 Yonge street, are clearing stocks of hats at bewildering price reductions. Alterations in the basement also entail drastic "closing out" methods, and raincoats, motor dusters, summer overcoats and caps are selling at one-third and less off. The chances in men's hats—straws and Panamas—should surely appeal to those who insist on saving. It's easily worth while calling and looking over the articles named above.

EARLY SUCCESS IN DARDANELLES SEEMS CERTAIN

Constantinople Plunged Into Deepest Depression by Terrible Losses.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Optimistic reports concerning operations on the Gallipoli Peninsula have been in circulation for the past few days and prophesies are freely made that a few weeks will see the close of the allies' most difficult task in the near east. The Turks, too, expect the Anglo-French forces to be successful, if news reaching Sofia from Constantinople is reliable.

The population of Constantinople considers the situation grave, according to information received at Sofia, Bulgaria, says a Reuter despatch. Violent fighting has been in progress on the Gallipoli Peninsula for the past week and it is declared thousands of wounded are arriving every day at Constantinople. At the same time thousands of fresh troops are being sent to the Dardanelles front. The security of the coast is said to have added to the general feeling of depression.

A Reuter despatch from Nish says that the Serbians are not expected to reply to the proposals of the entente allies will be delivered for two or three days. The government is not expected to reply to the proposals of the entente allies will be delivered for two or three days. The government is not expected to reply to the proposals of the entente allies will be delivered for two or three days.

VIENNA'S CLAIMS

An official report from Vienna tonight says that the Austrians who have been stubbornly resisting the Austro-German advance in the district of Wierchowice and Razna, north-west of Brest-Litovsk, have been forced to retreat.

BALKAN LEAGUE PREPARES TO FIGHT

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A despatch from Rome to The Daily Telegraph says the Balkan League is to be reconstructed with a provision for putting a combined army of 1,000,000 men in the field.

ANTHRAX APPEARS IN WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

Discovery of Deadly Disease May Result in Closing Up Farming Territory.

Special to The Toronto World.
BERLIN, Ont., Aug. 24.—The deadly disease of anthrax has again made its appearance in Waterloo Township. Dr. A. Henchoff, V.S., health officer for the township, made the discovery today, and has made his report to the provincial health officials at Toronto. This is the second case in two months discovered on the Weber farm, near German Mills, and may result in the authorities closing up this territory for general use for farming purposes. Dr. Henchoff expressed himself as a strong advocate of the opinion that this is due to too much raw sewage floating down the creek from the Berlin tanneries, which might result in an action for damages against the city.

AID OF GOVERNMENT FOR PRISONERS' CARE

Deputation Waits Upon Hon. W. J. Hanna and Consideration is Promised.

Provincial Secretary Hanna promised consideration yesterday to a deputation, which included Dr. Gilmour, warden of the Central Prison, asking for aid for the prisoners' care.

RUSSIANS OFFER STOUT DEFENCE AT ALL POINTS

Retirement East and South of Kovno for Strategic Reasons.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Austro-German armies are aiming more heavy blows at Russia in the hope of putting her on the defensive indefinitely and permitting the removal of some of their own troops to other fronts, particularly Serbia and Italy, in the hope of repeating their eastern successes. The Russians are encouraged, however, by their naval victory in the Gulf of Riga, which has delayed Field Marshal von Hindenburg's great outflanking movement thru Courland and are offering very stiff resistance at almost every point in the Baltic provinces.

ENEMY ENTER KOVEL

Stiff Resistance All Thru Baltic Provinces Being Made. However.

Earlier in the day Berlin announced that Gen. Mackensen's troops had stormed and captured the hill at Kopylov, on the southwestern front of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk.

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CARGILL MASON DEAD

CARGILL, Aug. 24.—Charles Elder, who lived east of G.T.R. depot, died this morning on the farm he was born on at the age of 51 years. He was a Conservative in politics, and an Anglican in religion. At one time he and two daughters survive. The funeral, which will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Anglican Cemetery, will be under the auspices of the Masonic Order.

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Wants U. S. To Take No Definite Stand in Regard to the Affair Until German Side is Heard.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, communicated to the state department today instructions from his government, expressing regret and sympathy if Americans lost their lives in the sinking of the liner Arabic, and asking that the United States delay taking a definite stand in regard to the affair until Germany could be heard from.

This was the first word from an official German source concerning the Arabic, on which the American liner perished. Its receipt was followed by an evident relaxation of the tension which had been growing here as days passed with no indication of a desire on Germany's part to disclaim an intention of committing an act "deliberately unfriendly" toward the United States. No attempt was made either at the state department or the White House to interpret the ambassador's communication. Officials merely said that of course the American Government would await the German explanation of the action of the submarine commander in sinking the liner.

One False Assertion.
Particular attention was attracted here by the assertion in the German communication that in the opinion of the imperial government the accounts of the sinking of the Arabic, which have come from England, could not correspond with fact. These accounts, in affidavits by the captain of the ship and American survivors, have agreed that the Arabic, an unarmed passenger vessel bound for the United States with no contraband in her cargo, was torpedoed without warning by a submarine.

It may be a week or more before Germany is heard from further. The report of the submarine commander must be awaited in Berlin, and it is known that sometimes ten days or more elapse before the underwater boats return to their bases and communicate with the admiralty.

Compiling Evidence.
In the meantime the state department will continue compiling its evidence forwarded by Ambassador Page and the consular officers at Liverpool and Queenstown. So far only a synopsis of the affidavits of American survivors has been called on Secretary Lansing says the department will give out no more of the report until complete information is at hand. The contents of the affidavits have been mailed by Ambassador Page.

In connection with the German ambassador's communication today, it was recalled here that three days after the sinking of the Lusitania the ambassador presented a note expressing the sympathy and regret of his government for the loss of American lives. There was no attempt, however, to deny that the Lusitania had been sent to the bottom with her passengers without warning, and blame for the disaster was placed upon the British Government, which permitted a vessel carrying contraband to sail with passengers, including neutrals.

Going to Washington.
It was reported tonight that Count von Bernstorff expected to come to Washington shortly to discuss the situation personally with Secretary Lansing. Mr. Lansing said that no engagement had been made with the ambassador, but he would be glad to see him at any time.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR SAYS BREAK IS NEAR

BERLIN, via wireless to Tuckerton, N.J., Aug. 24.—"The struggle is not yet ended, but if God wills it, once the day will arrive when that does not bend must break," declared Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in an address before a great crowd that gathered before the official residence in patriotic demonstration after Germany's second war loan had been passed by popular vote.