

BRITISH SUBMARINES ACTIVE IN SEA OF MARMORA

London, Dec. 21.—An Athens despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company says that a British submarine has sunk the German steamer Lera and other craft in the Sea of Marmora.

LIST OF "STUDIES" MAPPED OUT FOR LIBERAL PARTY

Several Subjects on Which Party Will "Brush Up" to Bring them in Touch with Problems of the Day.

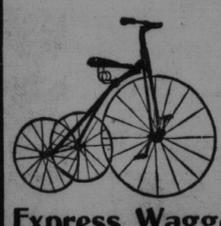
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RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY LED NEW BRUNSWICK IN RECRUITS FOR THE WEEK

Report of Organizing Recruiting Officer — Plans for New Year's day demonstration.

Plans to make the recruiting demonstration in the interest of the 11th Battalion on New Year's Day a complete success were further discussed last night at a meeting of the chairman of the sub-committee of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee held in the Board of Trade building. Col. F. W. Wedderburn, T. H. Estabrooke, C. W. Hallamore, E. A. Schofield, John Keefe and Capt. Mulcahey, were among those at the meeting.

It was said that W. E. Foster had said that the firm had made a donation of the building to be used in the decoration of the recruiting rooms on Mill street. A. O. Skinner's employees have charge of dressing the rooms.

Among the subjects discussed were printing, advertising, bands and the route of the parade. Various suggestions will be made to the full committee and as soon as possible the arrangements in detail will be announced in the press.

It was the unanimous opinion of the chairman of the sub-committee that the demonstration should be well advertised, so that a large number of out of town residents could be induced to come to the city. The railroads always grant half fare for New Year's travel.

Recruiting Reports. Restigouche county was the banner county last week in the recruiting campaign. Capt. L. P. D. Tillyer, organizing recruiting officer for the province, in a statement last night, gave the figures for the various counties as follows:

York, 8; Northumberland, 28; Charlotte, 5; Carleton, 4; Albert, 2; Kent, 1; Westmorland, 15; Restigouche, 35; Madawaska, 1; Queens and Sunbury, —; St. John, 19; Gloucester, 12; Victoria, 4—total, 136.

CITY COUNCIL HAD BUT BRIEF MEETING

Other engagements claimed time of Mayor and Commissioner McLellan.

The city council met and adjourned yesterday until noon on Thursday without transacting any business. The adjournment was taken because Mayor Frink and Commissioner McLellan had important engagements. No important business was expected to come up.

Commissioner Wigmore, of the water and sewerage department, exhibited to the council a mass of lead and stone which was taken from a twelve inch sewer near the Rural cemetery. The lead had run into the sewer during the progress of repairs, a long time ago, and had partially obstructed the pipe.

The commissioner said that fifty cartloads of slime and dirt had been removed from the pipe between Little River and Silver Falls, a distance of about two miles. Hereafter both the sewer pipes and water mains will be in much better condition.

SAPPER BURCH OF ST. JOHN IS WOUNDED

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The following were among the casualties issued to night:

Seventh Battalion. Wounded—Wm. F. Anderson, Fredericton, N. B.

Thirteenth Battalion. Wounded—Harry Smith, Fredericton, N. B.

Twenty-sixth Battalion. Seriously wounded—Vaughan I. M. Henshaw, England.

Sixth Field Company Divisional Engineers. Wounded—Sapper Alfred Burch, 178 Pitt street, St. John, N. B.

AS GET OVER FIT MAN, PREMIER ASQUITH SAYS

(Continued from page 1) an abundance of error and misapprehensions on both sides, but one will have never wavered for a moment and our fighting resources, both in men and material, are becoming more ample, better organized and better mobilized in the process of victory.

John Dillon, in a fiery speech, opposed the granting of Mr. Asquith's request for an additional million men. He said:

"The Premier's speech is deplorably lacking in any attempt to justify the adding of the fourth million. We place no reasonable limit on the size of the army. We are travelling through a land that leads not to victory but to financial ruin and loss of the war."

"We have some much more than any other people on earth to stand up for, and it is at a time like this that we must really find ourselves."

The Premier's leader wanted to know what the boys from Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and every part of the Empire, who had come to fight for the old motherland, would think when they discovered what slackers there were here. Some of these, he said, had married to dodge their responsibilities, and were hiding themselves behind the garments of their women folk.

The liberties of the individual, he declared, must be controlled by what was best for all, and the press gang was at work in the best days of England's glory. The country was capable of doing infinitely more than it had done. Sir Edward Carson feared that the vote was too late and was not large enough. He believed that the country, Ireland included, was prepared to agree to any measure that would bring victory. If the Premier asked for conscription, as a result of the Derby recruiting figures he would do so as a great patriotic duty. Sir Edward complained of the lack of news from Gallipoli, and asked why, when the operations had failed in August, the men had been left until December in a "kind of hell."

Replying to Premier Asquith's speech in the House of Commons to-day, John Dillon said:

"Before we sanction the fourth million of men we ought to be told why in the basis of the government's demand for it. It is not the men who are the war but the lack of men, and before the government enforces conscription the men responsible for these failures must be removed."

Mr. Tennant deplored the language used by Sir Edward Carson, and declared that the latter's representations of the government as dilly-dallying in Gallipoli was not a truthful representation of the facts. Carson, who had expressed the fear that the government, in asking for a larger army, was not taking into account the economic needs of the country, Mr. Tennant said:

"The reason the government is asking for this additional million men is that they are necessary to fill the gaps and have a large enough army in the field to win the war. The government is not asking for the importance of maintaining our industries and safeguarding our financial position. The Premier has indicated, however, that if certain conditions are not fulfilled relative to recruiting, the government will be forced to ask for additional powers."

In conclusion, he appealed to the Irish and Labor members to join the government in these efforts. Mr. Tennant also participated in the debate, endeavoring to show that, however, the additional million men were raised, the important industries of the country would be spared serious derangement, especially the export trade, which is so vital to the maintenance of exchange with foreign countries.

IRISH PARTY AGAINST COMPULSORY SERVICE

John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, who followed the prime minister, said the House learned with regret that the government had learned how magnificently the situation had been handled by Gen. Monro and the Admiral in charge at the Dardanelles. He complained, however, that no important news had yet been received from Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton (formerly in command) and characterized it as "a scandal."

He added that unfortunately he was in possession of information which pointed to the fact that the whole truth could not be advantageously published.

Mr. Asquith interjected—"The government have just received General Hamilton's despatch."

Mr. Redmond, continuing, said he believed that the figures in connection with Lord Derby's recruiting scheme would show an extraordinary demonstration of enthusiasm and determination on the part of practically the whole people of Great Britain, the moral effect must be felt throughout the world. "This effect, he believed, to be due entirely to the voluntary character of the outburst of patriotism, and he declared that it would therefore be a pitiable result if any moral effect was destroyed by any form of compulsion."

"I will stick to nothing calculated to bring the war to a successful conclusion," he said, "and I am certain that that is the view of the Irish people. That view has been emphasized on the battlefield by our men in every theatre of the war. But I am not convinced that compulsion is necessary, or calculated to lead to that result, and if this is proposed, under the present conditions and circumstances I, for one, will oppose it by every means in my power. I am convinced that it would break up the unity of the country, and that it would be fiercely resented and opposed, while in point of numbers its results would be ridiculously small."

Mr. Redmond, turning in the direction of Premier Asquith, served formal notice that the Irish party, under existing circumstances, was opposed to anything of the kind, and he sincerely hoped that in the interest of the country, and of the speedy and successful termination of the war the

government would make no such proposal.

Pointed Speech by Labor Member. C. B. Stanton, the miners' leader, who succeeded to the late James Edin Hardie's seat for Merthyr Tydfil, introduced himself to the House in a breezy, unceremonious, but pointed speech, in which he referred to "the hypocritical nonsense of saying that the people were afraid of conscription."

If the men would not volunteer, he continued, they must be fetched; if the country was good enough to live in it was good enough to fight for, adding:

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Miss Jean Smith, student at Mount Allison University, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith, King street east.

Miss Florence Joyce, of Somerset street, is visiting friends in Chipman.

Capt. George Morrell of the 1st Wagon, will leave on Friday for his farm Sandy Cove, N. S., where he will spend Christmas with his wife and children.

Roy Harding, who has been in Brazil for the past two or three years, came to the city yesterday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. F. J. Harding.

Capt. P. L. Rising, of the 140th Battalion, is spending a few days with W. F. Humphrey, M. A., Moncton. He is accompanied by Mrs. Rising and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McN. Shaw will leave Montreal this week for Nassau and Cuba, going by rail to Miami, Florida, and thence by steamer to Nassau, making stops en route at points in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida, and returning to Montreal in April.

Lieut.-Col. Dalgleish, Moncton, came to St. John yesterday in connection with regimental business and registered at the Victoria.

John Melancton, of Moncton, publisher, also registered at the Victoria.

Another visitor was H. I. Avaris, of the Intercolonial general offices, Moncton.

Mrs. Hammett and daughter Grace, of Windsor, are visiting Mrs. Hammett's mother, Mrs. Butler, Elliott Row.

Capt. Peterson and Lieut. J. W. Grady, of the First Newfoundland Regiment, are also in the city.

George J. Ross, of Shediac, was at the Royal last night.

John M. Lyons, for many years a member of the executive staff of the Intercolonial Railroad, is at the Royal C. A. Keith, of Pettoicodoc, is at the Victoria.

Mrs. W. B. McKenzie and Miss Katherine McKenzie, of Moncton, are in the city to meet Mr. McKenzie's son, Capt. B. H. T. McKenzie who arrived from England last night.

The members of the W. S. Harkins players arrived here last evening from New York and are registered at the Dufferin Hotel. "Joe" Sellman, well known from his previous visits here was warmly greeted by old friends.

PATRIOTIC CAUSES

Canadian Patriotic Fund. The following contributions to the Canadian Patriotic Fund are announced:—Siegis, Hutchings, C. H., \$5; Walker, J. H., \$5; proceeds of lecture by Mr. Roston Rostonjee under auspices of Canadian Club, \$377.

Monthly: Friend, semi-monthly, \$5; Campbell, Wm., \$5; McLean, Jas., \$5; Armstrong, Rev. R. A., \$5; Standard, Ltd., employee, \$48.50; Johnson, Dr. T. Fred, \$5; Gundry, Allan, \$10; R. M. B. (3 months), \$2; H. M. B. (3 months), \$2; West St. John Fire Dept., per John F. McAndrew, as follows: Isaac Amos, \$1; Frederic Riar, \$2; J. Wesley Pike, \$2; Wm. Sanderson, \$2; Fred Menzies, \$1; Fred M. Stanley, \$2; Moses E. M. McNulty, \$2; Jas. A. Brittain, \$1; Walter A. Lowe, \$2; Leonard C. Harned, \$2; Wm. Gray, \$2; Dennis O'Keefe, \$2; John Harned, \$2; George Fawcett, \$1; Ezekiel McLeod, \$2; Edward Wheaton, \$2; John Campbell, \$2; Charles Mabey, \$2; Charles Sweet, \$2; Charles Clark, \$1; Harry McLeod, \$1; Harry Amos, \$2; Samuel Fox, \$2; George

NO BREAK IF WASHINGTON KEEPS COOL

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New York, Dec. 21.—A despatch from Berlin via Amsterdam today to a news agency here, says:

There will be no break between Austria-Hungary and the United States, if Washington keeps cool, Count Stephen Tisza, next to Emperor Francis Joseph, the strongest man in the dual monarchy, gave this assurance in the ministerial palace last night.

"To think of trouble between Austria-Hungary and the United States is sheer nonsense," declared the iron man of the monarchy emphatically. Count Tisza had just returned from a conference with the emperor at Vienna, regarding the Ancona note.

"There is no reason for any trouble over the Ancona question," he said. "It must be settled satisfactorily, not only from the standpoint of the United States, but from our standpoint. And the only way to reach a settlement through correspondence, which will suggest the means."

FRENCH WINE CROP THIRD OF LAST YEAR'S

Paris, Dec. 21.—The French wine crop of 1916, according to the government tax office announcement, is only about one-third as large as last year, being approximately 477,000,000 gallons.

The total of old stocks of wines, as reported by the government, is only 185,000,000 gallons.

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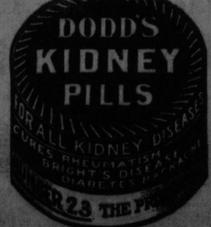
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