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UNIONIST ELECTED.

LONDON, May 17. The coalition government has won a sweeping victory in an election today. W. F. Hicks Deach, a Unionist, who was supported by the Liberals, was elected from Tewkesbury, by a majority of 5,589 over William Boocoy, Independent.

DEBATE ON AERIAL SERVICE.

LONDON, May 17. In the course of a debate in the Commons today, on the aerial service, Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary of the War Office, said that Britain has two types of aeroplanes faster than any possessed by Germany, and two other types as fast as the Fokker. It was far from true to say that Germany had supremacy in the air he continued. On the contrary, Britain held in a very large measure, the supremacy. In a great majority of combats her airmen were the winners. Tennant said that arrangements for giving warning of Zeppelin raids were now complete, and that there had been great improvements in regard to lights and guns. Tennant announced that the Government had decided to constitute an Aerial Board to advise the Admiralty and War Office in regard to air services, and the designs of machines. Earl Curzon has accepted the Presidency of the Board, of which Lord Svalofian will be a member. Major Baird will represent the Board in the Commons. Other members will be army and navy officers.

ASQUITH TO BE MEMBER OF IRISH EXECUTIVE.

LONDON, May 17. The Dublin correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. says that he understands on good authority that Asquith is to be sworn in as a member of the Irish Executive. This is possibly the first step the correspondent adds, towards re-establishment of civil administration in Ireland. Former Asquith was sworn in as a member of the Irish Privy Council in Dublin this afternoon. This is the first time an English Premier, has been a Minister of this body. It means that Asquith is likely to take a greater share in the executive government of Ireland than any of his predecessors have done, and that he will have a direct part in shaping the policy pursued in the immediate future.

AMERICANS IN IRELAND.

WASHINGTON, May 17. Senator Kern, of Indiana, introduced a resolution today directing the Secretary of State to make inquiry as to the safety and well-being of American citizens in Ireland residing in the districts affected by the recent revolution, and to take steps that will safeguard their lives and property. At the request of Senator Stone, the resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

ST. PIERRE BULLETIN.

PARIS, May 17. Artillery duels on different parts of the front, especially in Champagne and Mesall district. In Argonne, at Pille Morte, a mining struggle to our advantage. On the left bank of the

Meuse bombardment of our first lines. The enemy attempted to progress by means of grenades at Mort Homme, but completely failed. On the right bank of the Meuse, great artillery activity in the district between Haudromont West, and Vaux Pond. Northwest of Thiamont farm we repulsed a grenade attack against our advanced posts. During the night of the 16th to 17th thirteen of our bombardment aeroplanes dropped twenty-four shells on bivouacs in the Domvillers and Ville de Vauchamp district, eleven on the Brielleux and Clercy stations, fourteen on Nantillois and Romagne cantonnements, and twenty-one on Appremont and Grand Pre stations. Several fires are recorded. On the same night another of our aeroplanes dropped twenty shells on Ars and Metz stations, forty on Prescutty sheds, forty on Arnaville stations, thirty on the railroad and stations between Metz and Thionville. One of our aviators brought down a German aeroplane north of Vic-sur-Aisne. The two wings of the German plane parted during the fall.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, May 17. German troops made an attack with grenades last night on French positions in the vicinity of Deadman's Hill. The effort failed. An official report of today says that on the east of the Meuse along the Verdun front, there was continuous cannonading on both sides, particularly at Haudremere Wood, and Vaux Pond. French aeroplanes made several raids during the night. Bombs were thrown on the German camp at Danvillers and on the railway station at Metz, Frescati and Brielleux.

ENCOUNTER OFF BELGIAN COAST.

LONDON, May 17. (Official.) An encounter took place yesterday evening off the Belgian coast between a force composed of British destroyers and monitors, and some German destroyers. After a short engagement the enemy withdrew to their ports. Our force sustained no casualties.

SAYS BRITISH CRUISER WAS HIT.

AMSTERDAM, May 17. According to the German version of the sea fight off the Belgian coast yesterday afternoon, a British cruiser was hit by a bomb from a German aeroplane.

BRITISH MONITOR DESTROYED.

LONDON, May 17. A British official this evening admits the loss of a small monitor, as the result of fire by Turkish batteries. The monitor was reported as having been sunk, fire and sunk, in a Turkish official statement on Tuesday. The British Admiralty denied the statement, but says that later advices confirm the Turkish report. The British statement says: A delayed telegram received from Vice-Admiral De Roock, states that on the night of May 12-14 one of our small monitors, M-39, commanded by Lieut.-Commander Lockyer, was struck by the enemy's artillery, taking fire, and was subsequently destroyed. Two men were killed and two wounded.

A PASSENGER'S EXPERIENCE.

LONDON, May 17. Samuel Howard Comstock, of Santa Monica, California, who was on the Batavier V., gave the following account of his experience: "I was in the saloon talking when a terrific explosion occurred. My hat was smashed against the ceiling of the saloon. I think the vessel must have been blown up by a mine explosion, apparently directly underneath the ship aft. The hatch was blown off and

much cargo hurled into the air. Within three minutes the ship's decks were awash. I had a life belt, but being a good swimmer, gave it to my fellow American, Mancini, who could not swim. I kicked off my shoes, dived, and swam to a boat, which had been launched. I assisted the stewardess and an injured officer of the ship into a boat. I was so busy I did not see what happened to Mancini. The ship sank in twenty minutes. We were picked up by a trawler patrol and arrived at Yarmouth."

GERMANS REPORTED DESERTING.

GENEVA, May 17. German soldiers along the Swiss-Alsatian frontier, chiefly elderly men of the Landstrum, have begun to ask for food from the Swiss soldiers. The Germans say they have not eaten meat for weeks. Five German soldiers, in uniform, although fired on, escaped across the Swiss frontier at Rodersdorf near Basel, yesterday. They were interned at Berne. The Neue Stuttgarter Zeitung says that the food situation in the Rhine towns is becoming intolerable. The newspaper advises the Government to take drastic measures to change the mode of living of the people. It suggests that cooking in private families be prohibited, and that the population be ordered to eat at common restaurants, where meat would be served once daily, at noon only, and vegetables in the evening. Eighteen German cattle dealers arrived at Basel yesterday, hoping to buy cattle, which are becoming scarce.

PROBABLE LOSS OF EIGHT MEN.

BOSTON, May 17. The probable loss of eight men from the cruiser San Francisco, after the cruiser ran aground on the great round shoal in Vineyard Sound today is reported by wireless here. The San Francisco has been officially reported only slightly damaged.

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St. John's, Nfld., May 17th, 1916.

Here and There.

PIANOS AND ORGANS.—CHESLEY WOODS, 282, Duckworth St.—ap26,1f

CITY HALL.—The weekly session of the Municipal Board will be held to-night.

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SIX ARRESTS.—The police were kept busy again last night and a half dozen of familiar offenders were "run in."

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PATIENT ARRIVES.—A woman, suffering from erysipelas caught by the Prospero last night from Tilt Cove for the General Hospital.

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PASSIONIST FATHERS LEAVE.—Rev. Frs. Vincent and Columban who have been holding missions in the city and outports the past three months, are leaving by the Florizel today for New York.

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