

LLOYD GEORGE TELLS OF HIS STEWARDSHIP

NOT READY TO REPORT ON DERBY'S SCHEME

Classification of recruits too gigantic a task to complete in time for yesterday's Session of Commons.

London, Dec. 20.—The eagerly awaited figures on the Earl of Derby's recruiting scheme will not be available tomorrow, as expected.

Premier Asquith explained to the House of Commons this afternoon that the complexity of the task, and the enormous difficulty of classifying the figures, made it impossible to complete the work last week, but the Earl of Derby hoped to send in the general result tonight.

The cabinet had decided, the Premier added, that in these circumstances no considered statement could be made to the Commons tomorrow, but he hoped to make it before adjournment.

Invited in the House of Commons, this evening, to prevent others from following the example of some Britishers who recently transferred their capital and business offices to New York, thus escaping British taxation, Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna remarked that his attention had been called to the circumstances, but that he was not prepared to act, as was suggested.

WILL LOOK AFTER MUNITIONS CONTRACTS

New York, Dec. 20.—Major General W. J. Ellershaw, of the Royal Field Artillery, arrived here today on the steamer St. Paul.

General Ellershaw said he was sent here to look after munitions contracts, and he will remain here for an indefinite stay. He added that he expected to go to Canada in about ten days.

DEMONSTRATION IN PARIS IN HONOR OF VISCOUNT FRENCH

Retired Commander of British Armies in West given great ovation in French capital.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal Sir John French, who recently was succeeded by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig as commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium, was received this afternoon by President Poincaré.

Long before the arrival of the field marshal at the palace of the Elysee a crowd had gathered to greet him, and when his automobile entered the courtyard there were cheers for the distinguished British soldier, for King George, and for Great Britain. The manifestations of regard for the field marshal were repeated as he left the palace.

PROCEEDS TO PAY FOR GRAIN AND COTTON BILLS

Six months commercial credit negotiated in U. S. by London Banks in effect yesterday.

New York, Dec. 20.—The \$50,000,000 six months commercial credit, recently negotiated by eight London banks with banks and trust companies of this country, became effective today. The lenders paid their proportionate subscriptions to the National City Bank, that institution in turn distributing the money among various local depository banks to be withdrawn as conditions arise.

It is understood that the loan is secured by American securities deposited in London, and that the proceeds will be used chiefly for payment of grain and cotton bills.

ALLIES RAPIDLY OVERCOMING ENEMY'S EARLY HANDICAP IN MECHANICAL RESOURCES

To Superiority in This Respect Must be Attributed Teutons' Early Successes, Lloyd George Points Out—Allies Have Learned to Rate High Explosives Above Shrapnel.

London, Dec. 20.—"The successes of the Germans have been due almost entirely to the mechanical preponderance they achieved at the beginning of the war," said David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, today. "Their advances east, west and south alike were due to this mechanical superiority, and our failure to drive them back in the west, or check their advance in the east, was due to the tardiness with which the Allies developed their mechanical resources."

"But the superiority of the Central Powers in these respects will be brought to an end at the earliest possible moment."

Referring to the lesson learned from the prodigal use of machine guns by the Germans, Mr. Lloyd George said:

"Here was a place where if we stinted material we squandered life."

In one direction, he added, the Allies had the superiority on the mechanical side.

"Our command of the sea," he said, "is due not to the excellence of our sailors, but to our overwhelming superiority of machinery."

Mr. Lloyd George's statements were made in the House of Commons. He explained the work of the ministry of munitions, which now controls more than 2,000 munitions factories, employing about 1,000,000 workers. He said:

"In May, when the Germans were turning out a quarter of a million of high explosives daily, we were producing only 1,500 and 13,000 shrapnel."

The House listened with closest attention as Mr. Lloyd George took up the shortage of munitions for the Allies in the early stages of the war.

"Our troops knew it, the enemy knew it, but neither knew how short we were in some very essential particulars," he said. "Take guns and ammunition—English military opinion was welded to shrapnel, when we suddenly found the high explosive was the thing. We still have a higher opinion of shrapnel than the French or the Germans."

"Last May, when the Germans were making a hundred times the number of high explosives we were, three fourths of our factories were working on naval munitions. The munitions organizations at the war office had not grown with the demand. They had to set up a great business organization to cope with the problem."

Describing the steps taken to speed up the output, Mr. Lloyd George mentioned particularly the purchase of machinery in America, and the acquisition by the government of raw material for many months to come for its allies, as well as for itself. He emphasized the unexpected success which had attended munitions work in Ireland, thanks, he said, to the assistance of John Redmond.

Turning to the new national factories, which he said now numbered thirty-three, he declared they had been conspicuously successful, minimizing labor difficulties and enabling the government to check prices. There were also hundreds of private factories, under the co-operative scheme, that previously had not been engaged in munition work. These factories, alone, he said, were now making three times as many shells as the whole kingdom was making last May.

Referring to American orders, Mr. Lloyd George said:

"David A. Thomas comes back speaking in the highest possible terms of the service rendered this country by J. P. Morgan & Company, not merely in the selection of firms for contracts, as in fact they saved us many millions of pounds by their efforts to reduce the inflated prices prevailing before they took the matter in hand."

No Deal on Purchase of Swedish-American Steamers

No negotiations with the British government have been opened with a view to obtaining sanction for the purchase by the Swedish-American Steamship Company of two 12,000 tons steamers, of the Hamburg-American line, now at New York. This information was given to the House of Commons today by Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under secretary for foreign affairs.

It was reported from Copenhagen last week that the Swedish-American Company had been negotiating for the purchase of the steamships and was awaiting a guarantee that Great Britain would regard the vessels as Swedish.

In making his statement to the House, Lord Robert Cecil spoke in such a manner as to suggest that if any attempt were made to open such negotiations they would be met with short shrift. He added that, of course, he knew nothing of what might be going on between the Hamburg-American directors and the Swedish-American Company.

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO 115TH REGIMENT

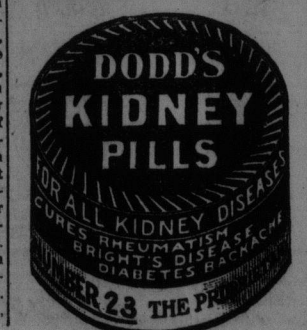
Capt. J. G. Fitzpatrick of Woodstock 67th Regiment, has been transferred from the 64th to the 115th. Lieut.-Col. Wedderburn yesterday received a list of other appointments which include: Lieutenant Alec Crichton of Moncton, formerly adjutant with the 8th Hussars; Lieutenant G. W. H. Perley of Andover, formerly of the 78th; Lieutenant Roy A. Davidson of St. John, formerly of No. 2 Sec. No. 6 Co. C. S. C., a graduate of this year's class in King's College Law School; Lieutenant Clarence McN. Steeves, St. John, of the Corps of Guides, son of the principal of the agricultural school, Sussex, and formerly engineer with the Dominion Public Works, now chief engineer and superintendent of the Maritime Dredging Co.; Lieutenant Douglas B. Waldon of the 19th Field Battery, Moncton; Lieutenant Alexander Turner of Chipman, formerly of the 74th Regiment, now manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Chipman; Lieutenant A. Clair Ollivier, St. John, 62nd Regiment, associate in business with his father, A. B. Ollivier, King street, and Lieutenant E. A. March, St. John, 62nd Regiment, commercial traveler.

DORCHESTER GIVES 13 MORE TO THE COLORS

Special to The Standard.

Dorchester, N. B., Dec. 20.—The shiretown of Westmorland has eclipsed all previous records in her history for mass meetings. In the great recruiting rally in Hickman's hall, which was packed to the doors, with scores of people unable to gain admission to the hall, the tide of enthusiasm rose above high water mark. The chair was taken at 8:10 o'clock by Mr. J. H. Hickman, chairman of the local recruiting committee, and after selections by the cornet band the object of the meeting was stated in a brief but forcible speech by the chairman who called upon Capt. L. P. D. Tilley who responded in a fifteen minutes speech which, in a word, was magnificent, and which was frequently punctuated by vigorous applause.

Mr. G. M. Legere was next introduced and delivered what was conceded a splendid speech. He gave assurances in most forcible terms that the Academic people were fully aroused and



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would surely give a splendid account of themselves in the mighty conflict. Another selection by the band and His Honor Judge Josiah delivered an address that completely swayed the great audience.

Lieut. Carter, a wounded hero from the battlefield, was introduced and received by the entire audience who gave three rousing cheers. Lieut. Carter's address was descriptive of life on the firing line as he saw it and his words made a profound impression.

The last speaker was F. M. Sproule, who swayed his audience at will in a most masterly address. The speaker was most happy in poetic quotations, and concluded amid ringing cheers. Then followed the call for volunteers, the following sturdy and loyal men came forward adding their names to the roll of fifty-three who have already gone forward from our little town of ten hundred and eighty inhabitants: William C. Bowser, Roy Bishop, Joseph W. L. Hebert, Milton Hamilton, Ernest Getson, Stephen Milton, Alex. Fraser, Bert A. Connors, Alfred Milton, George Card, Cecil Milton, John Grant, Irving O'Brien.

After some stirring selections by the band the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Capt. Tilley and the staff of speakers are naturally greatly elated over the results of the rally.

SALE OF PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY APRIL 5.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—Judge Tuttle, in the United States district court today fixed Wednesday, April 5, 1916, as the date for the sale of the Pere Marquette Railroad to satisfy creditors. The road has been in receivers' hands since 1912. At a previous hearing, in July, this year, Judge Tuttle fixed the upset price at \$14,000,000, subject to the underlying bonds, and interest, which it was said would bring the price to approximately \$42,000,000.

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