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The Evening Telegram

Speech of King George

At Closing of Imperial Parliament.

LONDON, To-day.

Parliament was prorogued to-day on February 12th, and the King's Speech from the throne was read by the Speaker. In the King's speech he emphasized that the first and foremost duty of the Allies was the successful prosecution of the war. The entry of the United States, he said, had added strength to the Allied arms and inspired fresh confidence in the ultimate victory. The text of the King's speech follows: "My Lords and Gentlemen—Since I last addressed you great events have happened. Within a few weeks of that time the United States of America decided to take their stand by the side of this country and our Allies in the defence of the principles of liberty and justice. Their entry into the war has added to that of other neutral nations has united practically the whole world in a league of nations against unprovoked aggression; has added to the strength of our arms and inspired fresh confidence in the ultimate triumph of our cause. On the other hand Russia, distracted by internal dissensions, has not been able to persevere in the struggle until the fruits of her great sacrifices could be reaped and for the present has ceased to bear her part in the Allied operations. Negotiations opened by her with the enemy have, however, served to prove that the ambition which prompted this unhappy war is as yet unquenched. The events have added to the burdens of the other Allies but have not diminished the vigour of the Allied forces. We are determined to pursue in their common and just cause the determination of the determination of the determination of the world to secure a just and enduring peace stands out ever more clearly. In all theatres of war naval and military forces have been engaged throughout the year the same courage, firm constancy and determination which have won the admiration of my people. In the east the enemy has been repeatedly and successfully thrown back and I have with assurance further progress in the east. In Palestine and Mesopotamia most revere and faithful soldiers of the Orient have been freed from the Turkish, while in Africa the enemy has lost the last remnant of his colonial possessions. In the Indian Empire my Dominion has been freed from the yoke of the enemy and the Indian representatives of my Dominion and of the Indian Empire were summoned for the first time to the Imperial Conference. Their deliberations have been of the utmost value, both in promoting the war and in promoting the general unity. After thanking the members for the liberality of its provisions for heavy expenditure of war I announced his intention of recommending the people's bill, which expressed the hope that this bill would secure a much larger number of his subjects an effective voice in the Government of their country. It will be said "enable nation unity has been so marked a characteristic of War, to continue in the same way of peace. A settlement of the difficult questions by agreement is now within our grasp. In spite of the complexities of the problem a solution may be possible in regard to the Government of Ireland upon which representation of representatives of my people are now deliberating. Successful prosecution of the war will be our first aim and endeavour."

I have watched with a proud and grateful heart the unvarying enthusiasm with which all sections of my people have responded to every demand made upon them for this purpose, and as they face the final tests which may yet be required to carry out our efforts to fruition, I pray that Almighty God may vouchsafe to us his blessings."

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION.

MONTREAL, To-day. Through the explosion of a mysterious package in an American Express Company's office here to-night. Theophile Laberge, employee, was killed, his body being badly burned and riddled with shot and small particles of steel. Geo. Gardner, another employee escaped with injuries. Interior of Express Office is wrecked by the explosion. Nothing could be learned as to the fatal package or where it came from.

INTER-ALLIED SHIPPING COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, To-day. The acceptance by the Allies of a plan to turn over the direction of all transatlantic tonnage to a ship-control committee, recently created, was announced to-day by Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board with the assurance that this promises a complete unification of the Atlantic shipping operations. The committee comprising P. A. S. Franklin, H. Raymond and Sir Connor Guthrie was named at a conference of the Government Department, heads of shipping interests and representatives of the Allies. Sir Connor was selected to represent on committee inter-Allied chartering conference contingent on Allies acceptance of a plan of allocation of tonnage. Work has been required that the Allied Governments are heartily in favor of proposal. Vice Chairman Stephens of Shipping Board, who is to go to London, will sit with chartering conference as American representative assisting on the other side in instructions regarding distribution of ships from a general pool. Allocation of ships in pool will be in hands of control committee, creation of committee, said Mr. Hurley to-night, is one of practical result of inter-Allied War Council recently held in Paris. A move will increase the efficiency which can be obtained from every ship available. If cargoes can be loaded and unloaded without delay and ships can be moved promptly. It will be equivalent to addition of considerable new tonnage and committee will be left free to coordinate heads of various Government departments effecting such interchange of tonnage and traffic as may be practicable with Allied Governments.

SINKINGS DECREASING.

ROME, To-day. Italian ships losses by mine or submarines in week ending February 2nd were very light, one ship under 1,500 tons being sunk. Paris, To-day.—Two French steamers more than 1,000 tons and one under that tonnage sunk during week ending February 2nd by mine or submarines.

MINOR OPERATIONS.

Canadian Army Headquarters, To-day.—Building enemy north of Lens. Canadian troops last night supported by our attacking troops succeeded in entering front line enemy trenches.

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one party got within 20 yards of enemy wire when it was discovered and heavily bombed. Enemy also opening barrage on our lines but despite vigorous opposition and strong wire. One officer and two men succeeded rushing position, the other party got within ten yards enemy's line before discovering it then bombed its way into trenches. Germans withdrew before raiders, but maintained stiff opposition. Two hours later after getting support from artillery bombardment, German raiders came across No Man's Land in strength at Merion's Bay sectors. They met with such a deadly reception from our rifles and machine guns that they were forced to retire with heavy casualties, they left five prisoners in our hands. At 3:30 a.m. to-day enemy bombed St. Eulie sector with gas shells and high explosives, but no attack developed.

UPS AND DOWNS BUT WINNING.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Secretary Daniels said to-day United States and Allies were winning fight against German submarines. We are having our ups and downs he said, but fight is being won.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK.

NEW YORK, To-day. Loss of American steamer Almanso owned by Garland S. S. Corporation and resultant loss six lives was reported in shipping circles here to-day. Almanso which left New York Jan. 17, was torpedoed yesterday off English coast, it was reported. She was ship 3,000 tons; no Americans were lost. Ship had crew 55 and naval gun complement 23 men. Commander E. K. Johnson. (By Walter Wilson, Canadian Press Correspondent.)

BRITISH WARSHIPS ESCORTED TORPEDOED TUSCANIA.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Troops composed chiefly of detachments of Michigan and Wisconsin National Guardsmen were travelling on the Tuscania, British steamer, under the convoy of British warships. The President, Secretary Baker and in fact all the officials here were up late waiting for news of the latest despatches were received and none gave details of the attack on the liner, even the time was missing, but it is assumed that it occurred early in the morning, as the first message was filed at London at 3 p.m., probably within an hour after the vessel ship reached the Irish coast.

EXTRA AUTHORITY TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Almost coincident with Secretary of War Dyer's report to the Senate Military Committee to-day for cross-examination upon his recent statement as to what America is doing in the war, the Administration's answer to the congressional agitation for a War Cabinet and Munition Director was given by the introduction of a Senate bill transmitted by President Wilson which would give the President blanket authority to reorganize and co-ordinate all federal departments, bureaus, agencies, officials and personnel.

PASSAGE OF REPRESENTATION BILL IN COMMONS.

LONDON, To-day. A little clash occurred between the Commons and Lords to-day over the acceptance of the Lords amendments to the Representation of the People Bill, and for a time threatened to wreck the bill. After some lively passages, however, in the Commons, a compromise was reached acceptable to both Houses and the bill passed all its stages and received the royal sanction. The compromise is that a proportional representation will be tried experimentally in one hundred constituencies selected by special commissioners, while the principle of the alternative vote has been struck out of the bill altogether.

MORE SINKINGS WITH LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, To-day. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Houston, Hon. H. J. Macnamara, Under Secretary of the Admiralty, stated that out of crew of twenty and twenty-five military and naval passengers, 14 and 18 were respectively lost, owing to the enemy recently sinking a Channel passenger ship bound for a French port. He also stated the captain was the only survivor out of twenty-five aboard. Further questioned, the Secretary stated that the steamer carried 400 head of cattle and 200 sheep. Mr. Houston asked whether the steamer had been sunk in Liverpool Bay on January 28th, with a loss of 19 lives, 156 head cattle, 961 sheep and 188 pigs. Mr. Macnamara admitted that the details of the cargo were as stated. He added that the percentage of losses of vessels making the voyage from Ireland to Britain was extremely small compared with the number of voyages.

AERIAL ACTIVITIES.

PARIS, To-day. The war office announcement last night says: The day was calm along the whole front save in the region of Auberville, where both armies displayed a certain amount of activity. Two surprise attacks this morning by the Germans in the region of the Bois

Desfosses, were repulsed. On February 5th one of our bombing squadrons flew over Saarbruck, dropping 3,610 (about 3½ tons) kilograms of projectiles. Attacked by several groups of enemy airplanes, our crews accepted battle and brought down three German machines, and then returned intact to their own lines. It is confirmed that two enemy machines, reported as having been seriously damaged on Feb. 3rd and 4th were really brought down, thus bringing up respectively to 5 and 9 for these days the victories of our pilots.

BRAVED HUN THREATS.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, To-day. The Holland-American steamship Nieuw Amsterdam, January 25th, after a long period of delay in that harbor, arrived here to-day. The steamer had on board a large number of passengers.

IN THE EAST.

EASTERN THEATRE, To-day. Patrol encounters occurred along the Lower Struma in the region of Doiran and west of the Vastar. There were intermittent artillery actions west of Lake Presha. An enemy attempt to raid one of our trenches north of Lescova, suffered a complete check.

HUNS BOMB VENICE.

ROME, To-day. Hostile airplanes continue to carry out raids against Venice, Mestre and Treviso, these cities being again bombed last night. According to official statement from the Italian Headquarters, there were no casualties. Patrols are reported as showing remarkable activity in capturing prisoners. Increased artillery activity is reported around the Trenta Narrows and along the Piave.

NO GREAT ANXIETY.

LONDON, To-day. General Frederick B. Marle, Chief Director of Military operations at the War Office, to-day resumed his weekly interview with the Associated Press. The chief event of military importance in the past month, he said, has been continued movement of German troops to the west front. We long ago calculated the rate at which this movement could be carried on and it is not going on any faster than needed. The Germans are now stronger on the west front than at any time during the war, but they are not yet numerically equal to the French and British forces. That being so I don't know that the situation need at present cause any great anxiety.

HOME FORCES RATIONS TO BE REDUCED.

LONDON, To-day. The Earl of Derby, Secretary for War, to-day notified Field Marshal, Lord French, Commander-in-Chief Home Forces, of his decision to reduce the rations of meat, sugar and tea for the home forces, except youths under nineteen years training for abroad, when the whole nation is being asked to reduce food consumption in the interests of our armies, says War Secretary. I think you will agree with me that the army at home will expect equally to be asked to make certain sacrifices. The burden cannot be allowed to fall wholly on women and children and civilian workers.

BRITISH BIRMEN ACTIVE.

LONDON, To-day. British aerial operations are reported in an official statement issued last evening, as follows: Nearly five tons of bombs were dropped to-day on hostile targets. Five German airplanes were brought down in air fighting and four were driven down out of control. A hostile observation balloon was brought down. Four of our airplanes are missing. One and a half tons of bombs were dropped at night on an airfield southeast of Cambrai and on enemy billets.

Personal.

Mr. Harold Macpherson left by to-day's express for Boston. Hon. M. P. Cashin, accompanied by his daughter Miss Mary Cashin, left by to-day's express for Montreal on a visit to his son Laurence, who, accompanied by his mother, left here some time ago to consult a specialist. While abroad Mr. Cashin will negotiate for a loan for the Dominion, authorized by the Legislature last year.

Lost a Fine Horse.

Mr. John Ellard, of Torbay, a well known cabman of the East End, lost a fine horse on Friday morning last. The evening previous he put the animal in the stable and to all appearance it was in good condition. On going to the stable the next morning Mr. Ellard was surprised to find the animal dead, it having perished during the night. The horse was highly prized by the owner and the loss to him is a serious one. It is supposed that colic was the cause of death.

CARTWRIGHT MISSION CIRCLE.

The members of the Cartwright Mission Circle held an entertainment in Cannon Wood Hall, last night, under the auspices of Mrs. J. Sterling and Miss L. J. Coaker, which was highly enjoyed by all present. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity and many could not gain admission.

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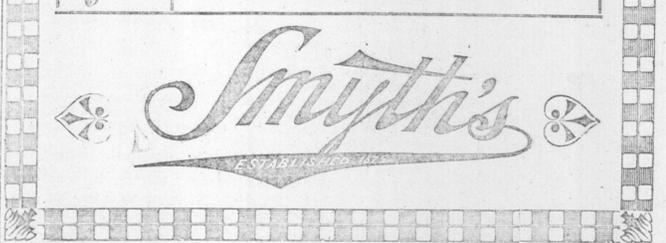
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Strange Doings of Coastal Mail Clerk.

Many business houses in the city were somewhat surprised a few days ago to receive a number of letters from parties on the West Coast dating as far back as November and December, 1916. The Telegram, on hearing of several instances, inquired of the Postmaster General and learned from him a few facts in relation to the irregularities that was being systematically carried on by an official of the coastal mail service who for a number of years has been mail officer on the ss. Glenora. For over a year the Postal Department failed on several occasions to receive prompt replies to letters written to officials and other persons along the southwest coast, while business houses here who communicated with their dealers had a similar experience. Complaints at last became so numerous that the P. M. G. ordered an investigation. On examining the mail officer's quarters on board the Glenora a mail sack was discovered which contained over 600 ordinary letters, the most of which were unstamped. A number of registered letters and 309 letters addressed to the Postmaster General. Strange to say only a few of the letters had been opened.

WIN THE WAR DATE STAMP.

A new die similar to that used in the United States bearing the following words has been attached to the electric stamping machines at the G.P.O. The inscription is: "Food will win the war don't waste it." This has been a popular way in which government and patriotic advertising has been effectively performed in the United States and Canada.
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