

EARLY MESSAGES

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT OPENED AT NOON.

King George, accompanied by the Queen and Prince of Wales, who is on leave from the Italian front, performed the ceremony of opening Parliament at noon, with the absence of some of the customary spectacular features. It was decided that in view of the war, and the fact that the King and Queen, while naval and military members of both Houses will wear service dress, instead of the gold laced full dress uniforms.

KING'S SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 12. In his speech at the opening of Parliament to-day, King George said the struggle had reached a critical stage which demanded more than ever the full use of the country's energies and resources until recognition is offered of the only principles upon which an honorable peace can be concluded. The King declared it is the duty of the British to prosecute the war with all the vigor they possess. Complaints that Ministers have interfered with the military chiefs have been resuscitated recently and voiced outspokenly in a section of the press. This subject will be brought to a debate in association with the demand for an explanation of the engagement of the powers of the Supreme War Council at the recent meeting at Versailles. Before concluding the debate which may continue for two or three days, the Radical and Labor members will again urge their views regarding the war aims and peace by negotiation, and may also move an amendment criticizing the policy of the Versailles Council, whose official statement referred to rigorous prosecution of the war as the only immediate task of the Allies, and regretting that the door was thus closed to the peace congress. A conversation of a joint Allied statement of war aims may also be demanded.

RUSSIA CONCLUDES PEACE.

LONDON, Feb. 12. Confirmation of a German report that Russia has withdrawn from the war is contained in an official Russian statement received here to-day. The statement says that Russia declares war with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria to have ended. Russian troops simultaneously received an order for complete demobilization on all fronts. For the defense of the frontier some detachments of younger soldiers will be left.

THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Feb. 12. Addressing the Commons to-day, Premier Lloyd George said he had read with profound disappointment the reply given to President Wilson and the declaration of the British Government by Count Von Hertling, German Chancellor and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister. The Premier added it was perfectly true that as regarded the tone there was a great difference between the speeches and he wished he could believe there was a difference in substance. Lloyd George said the government stood by the considered declaration made at meetings with the Trade Union representatives, early this year, and the Government, the Premier added didn't recede in the least from its war aims as they had been stated. It was no use, he said, crying peace when there was no peace. Regarding the Supreme War Council he said it was impossible to make a statement as to the decisions it had reached without giving information to the enemy. Lloyd George said he would like any member to point out anything in the speeches of Count

Czernin or Von Hertling which could possibly be regarded as a proof that the Central Powers were prepared to make peace on terms which could be regarded as just and reasonable. Germany's action regarding Russia, the Premier pointed out, proved that her declaration regarding no annexations had no real meaning. No answer had been given regarding Belgium that could be regarded as satisfactory, he declared. No answer had been given regarding Poland, or France with her legitimate claim for the restoration of her lost provinces. Not a word had been said about the men of the Italian race and tongue now under the Austrian yoke. Until there was some better proof than had been provided in any speeches to Washington and until the Central Powers were prepared to consider the aims and ideals for which the Allies were fighting, he said, it would be the nation's regrettable duty to go and make preparation necessary, in order to establish international right. It was true, he stated, in November, that it wasn't intended that the Supreme War Council should have executive functions, but since then Russia had gone out of the war, and a number of German divisions had been brought to the western front from the east. The situation had become more menacing and the Allies had met at Versailles to consider the best methods of meeting that menace. The Premier said that if the House of Commons was not satisfied with the conduct of the war the only way was to change the Government. Field Marshal Haig and General Robertson, he added, were present at the session of the Supreme War Council and approved its decision. The Premier requested the House not to press the Government regarding arrangements made for countering the coming blow of the Germans. He declared that Germany's violation of her agreement not to remove troops from the eastern front had to be borne in mind when there was any discussion of the terms of peace, because it had a real bearing upon the guarantees. The situation had been changed completely by those reinforcements, he asserted. Upon the decisions of the Supreme War Council, the Premier reminded the House, depended millions of gallant lives and the safety of the country and the war aims upon which the future of the world was dependent. If information in this particular were to be given to the enemy he would prefer the responsibility to be laid upon other shoulders. The change in the military situation brought about by the sending of German troops from the East to the West was a great factor which must be considered, the Premier said, and it was essential that the whole strength of the Allied army of France, Britain, America and Italy should be made available for the point where the blow would come. Arrangements should be made under which the Allies would treat their armies as one to meet the danger and menace wherever it should come. A scene occurred during the Premier's remarks, in which he declined to divulge the decisions of the Supreme War Council, information of which the enemy would pay any money to get. Amid the cheering, former Premier Asquith rose to protest in the strongest terms against the insinuation that he had asked for such information. He only desired to know in what respect the functions of the Council had been permanently enlarged. Lloyd George said that he rejected in repudiating any personal imputation, and that he desired to withdraw anything which seemed to support such a suggestion.

DOES NOT ALTER SITUATION.

PARIS, Feb. 12. News that Russia is laying down her

arms and has declared peace with the Central Powers is not considered here to have changed the war situation in its essentials. It is pointed out that Russia as a practical factor in the war has been inert for many months, and the Allies have long since declared their plans and calculations to that conclusion.

REFUSES RECOGNITION.

LONDON, Feb. 12. The Associated Press is informed that the British Government declines to recognize the treaty of peace signed by the Central Powers and delegates acting on behalf of the Ukraine.

A DRASTIC ACT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. The Federal Food Board here took its most drastic action thus far when it recommended to the National Food Administration to-day that the food license of Balf & Son, Inc., wholesale poultry and egg dealers, be revoked for the duration of the war.

PEACE INTIMATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. The first official information to the United States of the separate peace between the Ukraine and the Central Allies came to-day from the American Minister at Jassy, the Roumanian capital.

GERMAN REPORT OF AIR RAIDS.

BERLIN, Feb. 12. Entente Allied airplanes made 31 air raids on German territories in the month of January, says an official statement issued to-day by the German War Office. As a result of these attacks, the statement adds, five persons were killed and nine wounded and insignificant material damage was done.

WILSON CONGRATULATED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. A telegram congratulating President Wilson because of his address before Congress yesterday touching upon Prussian autocracy was sent to the President to-day by the all-Russian Convention which is in session here. The message asserted that no self-appointed government in Russia had any right to declare peace or to disband armies during the war against the Central Powers on behalf of world-wide democracy.

ALLAN LINE SERVICE DISCONTINUED.

BOSTON, Feb. 12. The Allan Line which for more than 25 years had operated steamers between this port and Glasgow, is to discontinue its Boston service on May 1. Notices were sent to employees here to-day, stating their services wouldn't be required after that date. The Canadian Pacific Railway obtained control of the Allan Line about two years ago and many of its ships have been requisitioned by the British Admiralty for war purposes.

ROOSEVELT DOING WELL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. Theodore Roosevelt continues to make progress at the Roosevelt Hospital, and it was believed to-night that he had made up the ground lost in the set-back on Sunday. A bulletin issued at the hospital said this has been Colonel Roosevelt's most comfortable day, and that his progress is likely to be uninterrupted from now on.

All Children Love "Syrup of Figs" for Liver and Bowels

Give it when feverish, cress, bilious, for bad breath or sour stomach.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again. You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative," they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

CUT DOWN THE GULCHES. — Gulches are so numerous along the country roads leading to the city over which ice is being hauled, that sleighing is anything but comfortable. Such travelling is hard on horse and something should be done to have the gulches cut down.

To Prevent The Grip. Colds cause Grip—LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30. wed.

St. Margaret's Guild.

The concert given at Canon Wood Hall under the auspices of St. Margaret's Guild last night attracted an audience which filled the room. The first part of the programme consisted of a well rendered selection by the C. L. B. Band, and a trench scene by returned soldiers in which Sergt. Hennebury, Sergt. Edwards, L. Corp. Chafe, Ptes. White, Hussey, Volsey and Bonner took part. The everyday happenings of trench life were put on in a realistic manner and was of great interest to all. The remainder of the programme comprised selections by Misses Dunfield and Mr. F. Emerson, a recitation by Miss Hayward, duet by Miss Dunfield and Mr. Emerson and a dutch song and dance by Misses L. Reid, Goelling, Hayward, Emerson and Mary Ryan. The solo which accompanied the dance was nicely taken by Miss Ryan. Mrs. Bradshaw acted as accompanist during the evening. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.



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Captured Jubilee Medal

Mr. F. W. Hayward, for the second time this season, excelled in curling last night, when with a score of 38 points he captured the Jubilee Medal against all comers in a point game. Last week he took first place for the H. D. Reid Medal. Following is the score: F. W. Hayward, 38; D. P. Duff, 36; Geo. Peters, 31; W. J. Higgins, 29; W. F. Joyce, 29; Thos. Winter, 28; D. MacFarlane, 28; F. W. Bradshaw, 27; F. T. Brehm, 27; W. H. Peters, 25; Jos. Peters, 25; Stan Rodger, 25; E. A. Hayward, 24; E. J. Rowe, 24; Major Montgomery, 24; F. V. Chesman, 24; C. R. Duder, 23; Hon. M. G. Winter, 23; C. J. Cox, 23; F. C. Thompson, 23; Jno. McFarlane, 23; J. B. Mitchell, 22; H. Foster, 22; T. Armstrong, 22; H. J. Jardine, 22; J. J. Maher, 22; Bert Hayward, 22; E. W. Taylor, 21; W. H. Duder, 21; E. A. Bowring, 21; J. J. Tobin, 20; W. M. Butt, 20; W. B. Fraser, 20; H. J. Taylor, 20; George Knowling, 20; A. H. Salter, 18; J. A. Branscombe, 18; H. C. Donnelly, 18; J. McIntyre, 17; Chas. F. Taylor, 17; Jno. Taylor, 16; R. W. Miller, 16; T. J. Barron, 16; J. Kelt, 16; F. H. Sheer, 16; T. A. Hall, 16; E. M. McNab, 16; Hon. Jno. Harvey, 16; W. L. Donnelly, 15; R. J. Coleman, 15; Bert Martin, 14; John Baxter, 14; F. House, 13; E. McLean, 13; J. Angel, 12; W. Angus Reid, 11; H. C. Carey, 11. The C. R. Duder prize will be played for to-day.

Another Vessel Gone.

Word reached the city yesterday that the schooner Albert Young, which was laden with codfish for the other side, had been lost in mid-ocean. Capt. Dodman and crew were rescued and brought into Liverpool.

Here and There.

MAN FOR ASYLUM. — Constable O'Keefe reached town this morning in charge of a male patient for the Asylum.

ENQUIRY TO BE HELD. — A magisterial enquiry into the death of Mrs. Chas. Gamberg will begin at the Magistrate's Office to-morrow.

AFFILIATING WITH N. I. W. A. — The firemen will meet to-night in order to make arrangements for the intending affiliation with the N. I. W. A.

MORE SMALLPOX. — A message from Bell Island to the Board of Health states that three houses are quarantined for smallpox. Another case of smallpox was reported yesterday from Goodview Street. The patient was removed to Hospital.

Orange sweaters with white skirts are good form on the links.

There is a great deal of pink and rose among evening dresses.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARTH IN COWS.

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