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BRITISH ARMY WELL EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE

Tennant Read a Complimentary Message From Sir Douglas Haig.

GAS NOT FEARED NOW

Sanitary Measures Safeguard Against Dysentery and Similar Affections.

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entred from abroad. The average annual mortality in horses had been well under 10 per cent, and the loss in transit less than 1 per cent.

Extend Pension System. With regard to the men discharged from the army on account of diseases aggravated, but not caused by service, the government had decided to award them four-fifths of the ordinary pension, which would involve a heavy charge on the public funds.

Cannot Give Figures. In conclusion Mr. Tennant made a strong appeal to all able-bodied men to come forward for military service and not put difficulties in the way of recruitment.

Urged by C. E. H. Hobhouse, the former postmaster-general, to round figures of the army, Mr. Tennant replied:

Men's Attire. For garments of distinction, with broad lines and exclusive tailoring, try Scott's, the King St. West tailor and haberdashery. The price is the only cheap thing about a Scott's overcoat or suit.

BIG SWEDISH MERGER TO CONTROL SHIPPING

All Lines Plying to British and Continental Ports Being Consolidated.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—All Swedish shipping lines between Sweden and European and British ports are being consolidated by the Swedish Lloyd, according to consular despatches today to the state department.

REPORTS ARE EXAGGERATED.

Writes Missionary in China After Getting Telegram.

Miss E. J. McGuffin of the Toronto Methodist conference has received a letter from Miss Wellwood, who went to Toronto to be a medical missionary at the Canadian Mission Hospital at Chengtu, Honan, China.

CHAPLAIN OF 161ST BATTALION. Permission has been granted by the Army and Navy Board of the Methodist Church to Rev. Henry B. Parnaby to accept the appointment of chaplain under the 161st Battalion of Infantry.

VILLA IS ENCIRCLED BY CARRANZA'S TROOPS

Notorious Mexican Bandit Has Apparently Little Chance to Escape.

MAY FIGHT IN PASS

Outlaws May Decide to Make Stand There Against U. S. Troops.

EL PASO, Tex., March 14.—Francisco Villa, heading south from Salena, is now encircled by Carranza troops, according to advices from General Luis Gutierrez, commander-in-chief of Chihuahua, today.

A circumstantial story reached here today from Mexican sources to the effect that Villa intended making a stand against the American punitive expedition at Ojitos Pass, the narrow gap in the western Chihuahua Sierras thru which he made his notorious dash on Columbus.

May Fight in Pass. Americans familiar with the country assert that the Ojitos Pass is admirably adapted for a successful defence if Villa decide to risk an open engagement with the American troops and does not intend to use guerrilla tactics.

All night long sensational reports came into this city from various points along the border, the most definite being from Naco, Ariz. For some days reports have reached here from the border near Naco of heavy movements of Carranza troops under General Calles.

The United States military authorities were sufficiently aroused by these stories to rush reinforcements to the garrison at Naco.

Pershing Leaves El Paso. Brigadier-General Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary force into Mexico, left here on a west-bound train last night, and since his departure military authorities have refused all information about him.

Soon after Gen. Pershing's departure last night the mass of detailed information which had been pouring in for several days from numerous border points west of here was completely stopped.

On the advice of a friend I began to use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and I now thank that friend, for today I am as free from kidney disease as I ever was in my life.

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OVERCOAT CAUSED FIGHT. The proprietors of a Queen street restaurant, Charles Mihalac and George Hickoff, appeared before Judge Coatswick in the criminal sessions yesterday charged with wounding Lamber Lazoff. There was a row over an overcoat and Lazoff's head was damaged to such extent that he had to be taken to a hospital. A fine of \$25 each was imposed.

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PEMBERTON-BILLINGS DEMANDS REPRISALS

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PLENTY OF PILOTS, TOO

Says British Airmen Are Kept at Home to Sit and Think.

LONDON, March 14, 6.35 p.m.—Noel Pemberton-Billings, the new member of parliament, who secured his seat over the united forces of the coalition government on a platform demanding sweeping changes in the air defences of England, made an impression on the house today in his maiden speech, in which he demanded that all the existing aircraft should be used for raids over hostile countries.

Mr. Billings said the British could and must exterminate the Zeppelins. He asserted that the British possessed a hundred times more aeroplanes and pilots than at the beginning of the war, and that the machines were capable of carrying from four to ten times greater quantities of explosives.

If Harold J. Tennant, under secretary of state for war, believed the British had an insufficient number of pilots, Mr. Pemberton-Billings said he could introduce him to a hundred such men within twenty-four hours and if Mr. Tennant said the British did not possess sufficient machines he would lead him to them by hand.

Mr. Pemberton-Billings concluded with the assertion that the country was demanding that the existing machine be used, and that airmen were pleading to be sent out to fight instead of sitting at home to think.

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HEROISM SHOWN BY OFFICERS OF PROVENCE

Engineers and Wireless Operators Stayed at Posts Until End.

COULD HAVE ESCAPED

They Insisted, However, on Sacrificing Themselves for Others Aboard.

TOULON, France, March 14, 5.45 p.m.—Additional instances of heroism on the part of officers of the French auxiliary cruiser *Provence*, sunk in the Mediterranean, on Feb. 26, are recorded in depositions of survivors, which were sent today to Paris.

Among those who went down with the *Provence* were Chief Engineer Levavasseur, and Assistant Engineer Rengnet, Wireless Operator Plan and Assistant Operator Lehuby, and Lieut. Beason. Levavasseur, who was employed as an engineer when the *Provence* was in the New York-Havre passenger service, continued to fill the position when the vessel was transferred for war use.

Despite the fact that the water was three feet deep in his compartment, Rengnet continued to carry out the orders of his chief to the end.

Refused to Save Selves. Levavasseur saw to it that all his men left their quarters, and then, although he might have been able to save himself, took his place beside the captain of the vessel and disappeared with him. Plan and Lehuby continued operating the wireless until the last minute, also refusing to save themselves.

Beason declined the place offered him in a lifeboat. "Save yourselves, I have time," said he. That was the last seen of him. Out of 420 members of the *Provence*, 280 are known to have been saved.

DUMMY GUNS SCARED FOE SUBMARINE AWAY

Clever Ruse of Captain of Steamer Director Saved Ship From Attack.

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