

Kitchener Tells of Big British Army At Front; Canadians Among Them

London, Jan. 6, 9 p. m.—The House of Lords met today, a month earlier than the House of Commons, chiefly to hear from Lord Kitchener a review of the military operations for the six weeks since parliament was prorogued. While the speech of the Secretary for War contained nothing of a sensational character, and little not already known, it was listened to with rapt attention by a distinguished gathering of peers and peeresses, members of the House of Commons and public men.

The peers, as usual, were in their robes of office, but beyond this the scene was lacking in the usual color, for of the long row of peeresses in the gallery, virtually every one was in mourning for some relative killed at the front.

Lord Kitchener read his speech from a typewritten document and referred briefly to the operations in every sphere, laying particular emphasis on the Turkish defeat in the Caucasus and the Austrian defeat in Galicia, and, what he considered even more important—the severe check of German aspirations in Poland.

The war secretary also spoke of "the noteworthy progress" made by the French east of Rheims and in Southern Alsace; the "extraordinary achievement" of the Servians, which he characterized as "one of the brightest spots in the military operations during December"; General Botha's "masterly handling of the situation in South Africa"; the advance of the Indian army in Mesopotamia, and the successful campaigns in East Africa and Kamerun, the German colony of West Africa.

He paid tribute to the smallest, the Montenegro, ally, which, he said, "advanced into Bosnia and captured important positions in the face of considerable Austrian opposition."

Of the army which comes directly under his command, the war secretary told of the surprise and reverse suffered by the Indians at Giverny on Dec. 20, when they lost a trench, which they afterwards regained, and added: "The British line thus resumed has since then been entirely maintained."

CANADIANS IN FRANCE

General French's army, said the secretary, has since been increased by a number of territorial units and another division, to which is attached, "a fine Canadian regiment." He expressed satisfaction with the progress of recruiting which, after the anticipated decrease at Christmas, has now been almost restored to its "former satisfactory level."

Speaking of the anxiety felt at the beginning of the war at the dearth of officers, Lord Kitchener declared that all vacancies had been filled, and there was now a considerable surplus. Although the training of the men had been carried on under the worst weather conditions, a great deal of extremely good work had been done during the past months.

Lord Curzon, who spoke for the opposition, in the absence of the Marquis of Lansdowne, who is ill, described as amazing the number of men the war office has been able to send to the front. He thought, however, that a more definite statement should have been made as to the progress of recruiting and as to military operations in the remote parts of the empire. It was his opinion that the best service which the war office could render would be to concentrate its efforts on the equipment of men who have been sufficiently trained, and to send them to the front with as little delay as possible. As to the number of men who would be wanted for the foreign service and home defence, Lord Curzon said he imagined that the war secretary would require considerably more than 2,000,000, and possibly never 3,000,000. After eulogizing those who had fallen, Lord Curzon expressed unflinching confidence in General French, Admiral Jellicoe and the force under their command.

The Marquis of Crewe, replying to the question raised by Lord Curzon, said that every vacancy among the officers of the expeditionary force had been filled promptly. He asserted that there was no ground for saying that troops had been kept back because they were not equipped sufficiently.

Before adjournment of the house several of the lords brought up the question of enemy aliens not interned in England, whom they considered a menace. The Earl of Crewe, speaking for the government, promised to give this matter further consideration.

Not One Left of Austrian Force; Cardinal's Arrest Arouses Storm

Petrograd, Jan. 6.—The Novoe Vremya says that a recent sortie by the Austrian garrison which are defending Przemysl, the date of which is not given, resulted in the complete annihilation of the Austrian force.

It is said that not one of the force which made the sortie regained the fortress, those who were not killed or wounded being captured. The temperature at Przemysl is close to zero.

London, Jan. 6.—The widespread indignation caused by the arrest of Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines, for having in a pastoral letter told his Belgian flock that they owed no allegiance or obedience to the German invaders, finds strong expression in the London press, while among Roman Catholic this latest act of the German authorities is regarded as an outrage on the whole church. Even the Dutch journal, the Nieuws Van Den Dag, doubts if the Germans will dare maintain the arrest.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Hon. Dr. Beland, ex-postmaster-general, who, according to the last advice received here from him, is a prisoner of war, held by the Germans in Antwerp, is likely to be among the list of British prisoners exchanged under the arrangement now pending between the allies and Germany.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—J. Carrick, M. P., will leave for England in a few days to join the Canadian expeditionary force as a special intelligence officer.

THE KAISER'S PRAYER

Gott, Gott, dear Gott, attentions please
Your pardner Wilhelm's here,
Und has a word or two to say
Indo your private ear,
So durn away all others now
Und listen well to me,
For what I say concerns me much,
Menschel and Sherman.

You know, dear Gott, I was your
friends,
Und from mein hour of birth
I always let you rule the Heffen
Vile I ruled o'er the Earth;
Und ven I told mein soldiers

Of bygone battle days
I gladly split the glory,
Und give you half de praise.

In every way I tried to prove
Mein heart to you was true,
Und only claimed mein honest share
In great deeds vat we do.
You could not hat a better friend
In sky, or land, or sea,
Dan Kaiser Wilhelm number two
De Lord of Sherman.

So vat I say, dear Gott, is dis
Dat ve should still be friends,
Und you should help to send my foes
To meet their bitter ends,
If you, dear Gott, will dis me do
Till nothing ask again,
Und you and I vill pardners be
Forevermore—Amen.

But listen, Gott, it must be quick,
Your help to me you send,
Or else I have to stop attack
Und only blay defend.
So four and twenty hours I give
To make de Allies run,
Und cut mein safe into mein blace
De middle of de Sun.

If you do dis, I'll do my part,
I'll tell de world de fact—
But if you don't, den I must think
It is an hostile act.
Den var at voice I will declare
Und in mein anger rise
Und send mein Sepp'in ships to wage
A right up in de skies.

Dis ultimatum, now dear Gott,
Is von of many more,
Mein mind is settled up to clean
De whole world off the floor;
Because you vas mein pardner, Gott,
An extra chance is given,
So help at voice, or else I'll be
De Emperor of Heffen.

"FIZ" LEADS BOSTON COUNCIL IN TIPPERARY

The strains of "Tipperary" from the lips of the members of the Boston city council surprised city hall office-holders on Monday. The song followed the appearance of former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, who had been unanimously invited to present his views on a project for a boulevard in the Dorchester district.

Mayor Curley refused to listen to his political opponent and left the chamber. After answering the council's questions, Mr. Fitzgerald made some criticisms of the present administration. Referring to the question of the unemployed in the city he declared that from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 of city funds which could be used to give them work was lying idle. "I am glad I have not got the present situation on my conscience," he said. "Then the former mayor proposed that 'Tipperary' be sung and all joined in the song."

For Every Man Who Has a Clothing Want Here Is the Most Important News in the Paper:

Oak Hall's Mid-Winter Sale Begins Friday Morning



Our Sales have been real Sales from the first. We've never announced one for which we didn't give a convincing and genuine reason. The people understand us—they also understand and appreciate our outspoken and above-board methods. We know this to be a fact—it finds expression in our salesrooms during any of our special offerings.

We don't have Sales just because others do—don't work some thread bare, far fetched excuse for giving them.

We were the originators of these January Sales as a means of clearing out all Winter Stock possible during the early part of the Winter and that we are able to continue them is proof enough that our values are unusual. We have prepared and look for this to be the largest January Sale we have yet held—the values we offer should make it so.

MEN'S OVERCOATS	
Regular \$10.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$7.35
Regular \$12.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$9.55
Regular \$15.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$11.65
Regular \$20.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$15.40
Regular \$25.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$18.90
Regular \$30.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$23.90
MEN'S REEFERS	
Regular \$5.50 Reefers reduced to	\$4.65
Regular \$7.50 Reefers reduced to	\$6.20
Regular \$8.00 Reefers reduced to	\$6.65
Regular \$10.00 Reefers reduced to	\$7.95
MEN'S SHEEP LINED COATS	
\$3.75 Sheep Lined Coats reduced to	\$3.20
\$5.00 Sheep Lined Coats reduced to	\$4.10
\$8.00 Sheep Lined Coats reduced to	\$6.45
\$10.00 Sheep Lined Coats reduced to	\$7.95
\$13.50 Sheep Lined Coats reduced to	\$10.65

MEN'S SUITS	
Our entire stock of Men's Suits, 2 and 3 Button, Single Breasted styles in Fancy Worsteds, Tweeds and Fine Imported Saxony's. We also place on sale our entire stock of Blue's and Black's, nothing being reserved.	
Men's \$6.50 Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits reduced to	\$5.50
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Men's \$10.00 Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits reduced to	\$7.85
Men's \$15.00 Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits reduced to	\$12.35
Men's \$18.00 Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits reduced to	\$14.65
Men's \$25.00 Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits reduced to	\$19.90
Men's \$30.00 Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits reduced to	\$24.10
Regular \$10.00 Blue and Black Suits reduced to	\$8.35
Regular \$12.00 Blue and Black Suits reduced to	\$9.45
Regular \$15.00 Blue and Black Suits reduced to	\$12.85
Regular \$20.00 Blue and Black Suits reduced to	\$17.45
Regular \$25.00 Blue and Black Suits reduced to	\$19.90

Look at These Special Values

Men's Winter Overcoats in Light Greys, in Convertible and Velvet Collar Style to clear at Half prices: \$12.00 Coats for \$6.00; \$15.00 Coats for \$7.50; \$18.00 Coats for \$9.00; \$20.00 Coats for \$10.00

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Regular \$8.00 Suits reduced to	\$6.40
Regular \$10.00 Suits reduced to	\$7.95
Regular \$12.00 Suits reduced to	\$9.60

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In Navy Twill Serge with Black or White Trimming; also in Mixed Tweeds.	
Regular \$3.50 Suits now	\$2.80
Regular \$4.50 Suits now	\$3.60
Regular \$5.50 Suits now	\$4.40
Regular \$6.00 Suits now	\$4.80

CHILD'S RUSSIAN AND FANCY OVERCOATS	
\$3.75 Coats reduced to	\$2.95
\$5.00 Coats reduced to	\$3.95
\$6.00 Coats reduced to	\$4.80
\$7.00 Coats reduced to	\$5.60
\$8.00 Coats reduced to	\$6.40
\$10.00 Coats reduced to	\$7.95

BOYS' REEFERS	
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\$7.50 Reefers now	\$5.95
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\$6.00 Reefers now	\$4.80
\$9.00 Reefers now	\$7.20
\$11.00 Reefers now	\$8.80



BOYS' OVERCOATS—Ages 9 to 14.	
Boys' \$ 5.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$3.95
Boys' \$ 6.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$4.80
Boys' \$ 7.50 Overcoats reduced to	\$5.95
Boys' \$10.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$7.95

YOUNG MEN'S OVERCOATS—Ages 15 to 18.	
\$ 7.00 Overcoats now	\$ 5.60
\$10.00 Overcoats now	\$ 7.95
\$15.00 Overcoats now	\$11.95
\$ 8.00 Overcoats now	\$ 6.40
\$12.00 Overcoats now	\$ 9.60
\$18.00 Overcoats now	\$14.40

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Boys' Suspenders, regular price 25c. Sale price 19c.

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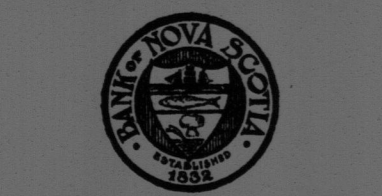
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