

SIR JOHN FRENCH COMMANDS NOW NEARLY ONE MILLION MEN

Mr. Asquith Speaking in the House of Commons Says Germans Have Not Made a Net Gain Since April—Accepts Responsibility for Dardanelles.

By Special Wire to the Courier. LONDON, Nov. 2, 4.11 p.m.—In his address before the House of Commons this afternoon, Premier Asquith stated that Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the Franco-Belgian front, was now in command of nearly 1,000,000 men.

Mr. Asquith said the total casualties in France and Flanders amounted to 377,000. He asserted the Germans had not made a net gain of a foot of ground since April. The Premier accepted his full share of responsibility for the first attack on the Dardanelles, which resulted in failure, with the loss of several capital ships.

Mr. Asquith said there was full agreement between Great Britain and France to maintain the independence of Serbia and not let her "become the prey of the sinister and nefarious combination of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria."

SIR EDWARD CARSON TO EXPLAIN RESIGNATION

Will Follow Premier Asquith To-day—Winston Churchill Expected to Make Important Speech if Dardanelles Operations Come Under Discussion.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Nov. 2.—Sir Edward Carson is expected to follow Premier Asquith in the important debate in the House of Commons to-day with a speech explanatory of his resignation as attorney-general, and in a large measure critical of the government's policy, although his friends repudiate on his behalf any desire to act as a leader or even a member of an opposition party in the House.

LONDON DOUBTS FOOD SHORTAGE IN GERMANY

Nevertheless Conditions Are Less Favorable Than They Were a Year Ago.

London, Nov. 2.—Discussion of whether the food situation in Germany really is as serious as has been pictured recently in some reports is continued by the newspapers. The Daily Mail believes it misleading to say that Germany is starving or in imminent danger of starvation, but adds, "there is no denying food conditions are vastly less favorable than at the outset of the first winter of the war."

Mr. Asquith referred to the "small cadre of professional whippersnappers which kept our enemies supplied daily with a diet of falsehoods." The government, he said, had no interest in concealing anything, subject to the one overriding consideration that its disclosures would not assist Great Britain's enemies.

CLOSE CALL FROM FATALITY

Runaway Team of Heavy Horses Crashes Into Light Buggy.

What might have been a fatal accident occurred to three contractors yesterday afternoon who were on their way to work at Winter's bridge, James Thompson, Harry Hull and Geo. Yake. The three men were driving in a light rig and had just passed the second toll gate on the Cockshutt road, when without warning, a farmer's team of heavy Clyde horses, which had become frightened at a passing motor cycle and were running away, crashed into them.

FRENCH OFFICIAL

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Nov. 2.—2.35 p.m.—Calm now prevails on the Western Front. The announcement from the War Office this afternoon says merely: "There were no important developments last night."

Conservative Notice.

A meeting of the Conservatives of Wards 1 and 5 will be held at the Borden Club Rooms on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. Special business. N. D. Neill, Secretary.

NEW DIVISION FROM CANADA IS EXCELLENT

Sir John French Says It Will Acquit Itself as Has Always the First.

COUNTER-ATTACKS LASTED TWO WEEKS Efficiency of Artillery and New Armies Exceeded All Expectations.

London, Nov. 2.—Field Marshal Sir John French, reporting from the front says: "On October 29, the enemy heavily bombarded the area east of Ypres. With this exception, owing to the wet and misty weather, the artillery on both sides during the last four days has been less active. Mining activity continues on both sides."

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Brant County Recruiting Campaign Opened Last Night at Glen Morris

The County of Brant Recruiting League held the opening meeting of the recruiting campaign at Glen Morris last evening. The meeting was held in the town hall and was organized by Reeve Aitken of South Dumfries, who is the chairman of the South Dumfries recruiting league. The commodious hall of the township was well filled with the men and women of the locality. A programme was provided by local talent with the assistance of singers from Paris and Brantford. Very acceptable patriotic pieces were sung during the evening by Messrs. Whittaker of Brantford, and McCammon of Paris, and Aitken of South Dumfries. Madames Aitken and Pettigrew gave a patriotic instrumental duet, "To Arms," in an artistic manner, while Miss Easton gave a reading in her well-known style. Stirring addresses on the question of the war and the necessity of supplying immediately the men required to recruit the Brant Regiment were given by W. S. Brewster, K.C., W. N. Andrews, F.C.G.O., and A. E. Watts, K.C.

GOVERNMENT'S CHIEF WITNESS TESTIFYING AGAINST DIRECTORS IN NEW HAVEN CASE



This picture of Charles S. Mellen, for years president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and target of criticism heaped on that company in his incumbency, was taken as he took the stand as the government's chief witness against William Rockefeller, Lewis Cass Lodge and nine other prominent financiers on trial in the United States District Court, charged with violating the Sherman anti-trust laws while directors of the railroad. Because of the testimony Mr. Mellen had given before the Congressional investigation his evidence in the present trial is expected to be even more sensational. In spite of this expectation Mr. Mellen expressed a hope that the financiers would be cleared of the government's indictment.

THE PASTOR OF ST. LUKES CHURCH LEAVES SUNDAY

Rev. Mr. Lester Receives Word to Sail From Montreal Monday Night. Rev. C. V. Lester, pastor of St. Luke's church, has received word that he is to sail on the Steamship Athenia from Montreal Monday night.

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By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Nov. 2.—A London cable to the Tribune says: "The Tribune correspondent has the best authority for stating that the present peace rumors, like their predecessors, do not emanate directly or indirectly from the British Government. A high authority told the Tribune correspondent to-day: "Germany is sending out these balloons for one of two purposes: Either she doesn't want peace and is flying kites in the hope of discrediting Great Britain through the latter's refusal to consider them, or she wants peace. In the latter instance we would not pay the slightest regard to her wish. My own view is that Germany wants peace. She realizes that she has now reached the culmination of her successes, and would like to sell on the top of the market. But we prefer to be bears."