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WORRIED BY SNIPERS

Pugsley, as Usual, Pays No Attention to So-Called Truce.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., March 10.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, started the house of commons tonight by saying that a German victory would mean a German Canada, and that he was not absolutely certain that Germany would not win the war.

Replying to the speech that had been made urging federal action on the subject of education by Mr. Glass (Middlesex), Mr. Macdonald (Pictou) and others, Mr. Crothers said that the government will not announce the policy of the government until a resolution on the subject standing on the order paper in the house of commons.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley said that of course if Germany was going to win it was idle to go ahead with any legislation. He was quite sure, however, that the empire would be victorious and he thought he should be devoting a great deal of time to legislating for the future.

Several government bills were advanced today, including Sir Thomas White's bill to require life insurance companies to invest in Dominion Government Bonds.

Pastor Russell Under Scrutiny. Hon. A. E. Cross, minister of education, addressed the house as acting minister of militia, replying to a question by Mr. Burnham West.

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BUTTONS FOR "REJECTS"

Issued Soon to Those Physically Unfit—Slight Drop in Recruiting.

Owing to the recent heavy snowfall the first night operations for troops at present quartered in Ontario scheduled for last night in the Old Belt line district were postponed.

The 51st, 52nd and 53rd Battalions of the 1st Canadian Division were quartered in the Old Belt line district for last night in the Old Belt line district.

Recruiting is still satisfactory. 12 men applied at the Toronto Recruiting Depot yesterday for enlistment. Of this number 92 were accepted.

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Patrol Actively Continues to Be the Outstanding Feature.

The following message was received by the Canadian corps from the British corps concerned: "Sincere thanks for your most valuable co-operation."

On the Canadian front, the enemy displayed little activity. Our artillery maintained its normal rate of fire, but throughout the period frequent storms of rain, sleet and snow rendered accurate shooting impossible.

One morning recently a faint attack was arranged and successfully carried out by our second infantry brigade. A mine was exploded and smoke was sent up from our trenches.

German Airmen Still Busy. German aviators continued to take advantage of any clearing in the weather to reconnoitre our area.

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