GIDEON RUTLE IS CHOICE OF W. BRUCE UNITED FARMERS

Accepts Candidature for Ontario House—Liberal Opponent Also a Farmer.

Special to The Toronto World.

Kincardine, Aug. 12.—Gideon Rutle of Huron township was chosen by the United Farmers of West Bruce this afternoon as candidate for the provincial legislature. Mr. Rutle was not at the convention, but over the telephone informed the delegates that he would accept. He will be opposed by A. C. Mewhinney, recently nominated by the Liberals. Mr. Mewhinney is also a farmer. The Conservatives have yet to select a candidate.

A Liberal at the big meeting today said there were not enough bona fide delegates among the 500 who attended "to wad a gun," but he must have been misinformed, because all the polling subdivisions had delegates. About ten persons were women. James Johnson of Underwood presided, and the convention was enthusiastic in every respect.

Labor was not represented and Stuart Robinson of Paramount wanted the nomination postponed until the co-operation of the Labor party could be secured. The vote of the meeting, however, was in favor of nominating. "In a riding like this we cannot win unless we have the support of the people in the towns and villages and our cause and theirs have much in common," said Mr. Robinson.

Chief Speakers

The chief speakers of the afternoon were Gordon Lamb of Goderich, A. A. Powers of Durham, and Mrs. Allen of Port Arthur.

Five names were placed in nomination, James Johnson, John Reid, John Shields, Gid. Rutle and Archie McLean. All withdrew on a variety of pretexts except Mr. Rutle and he was not present. Mr. Rutle's previous political leanings were Conservative when he sat on the county council board.

"My country, Canada, is drunk," said Mr. Lamb, in speaking of the national finances and the relation of our debt to United States.

"Canada is drunk, and the United States must reach out a steadying hand. It has not all been on account of the war either, because this country has gone behind twenty million dollars a year outside of that. There can be no spree without a headache, and this reckless spending cannot go on indefinitely."

Mr. Lamb continued with remarks on the justice of the farmers' cause.

"But unless we can convince the other classes that our cause is right, and that we have the key to the solution, our cause is lost," he said.

Mr. Lamb did not think much of the present political system.

"A man thinks twice before he will be a candidate to such dirty places as Toronto and Ottawa," he said.

Canada's Big Debt.

Mr. Powers quoted some steep figures relating to Canada's debt, bringing it up to somewhere near seven billion and stating this is half of the country's total wealth, minerals and all. He said farmers were getting about $3 a day while men handling their produce get $8 to $15 daily for eight hours' work. He concluded by reviewing the U. F. O. provincial platform recently adopted at Toronto.

Mrs. Allen spoke engagingly about health regulations and education for rural children and pointed out the door of political opportunity to the women.

The following officers were elected for the riding: President, James Johnson; vice-president, John Reid; secretary, Wm. McCullough; township vice-president, reappointed.

HAMILTON

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 12.—Following an illness of several months duration, Dr. R. A. Thompson, principal of Hamilton Collegiate Institute for the past twenty-seven years and pre-eminently identified with the city's educational life for nearly three and a half decades passed away at his residence, 75 South Wentworth street, aged 59.

Audre Bell, charged with breaking into the store of Gerald P. Mullins, East King street, on May 2nd last and stealing therefrom, appeared in the criminal court today, was found guilty and sentenced to two years with hard labor at Kingston.

Some very interesting data were given the delegates attending the supreme lodge, Sons of England, which is holding its biennial session in this city today. Supreme Secretary Carter stated that in the past five years the sum of $35,000 was paid in per capita tax and funeral calls to the supreme lodge, and that the subordinate lodges had a bank account of $249,500.

The proposed agreement between the H.A.A.A. and the city, endorsed by the legislature in 1913, is still "in the air." On motion of Ald. Aitcheson the matter was referred back to the board of control.

An official announcement was made today that the Young Men's Christian Association will institute in this district at once a new system of organization, by which branches in the surrounding eight counties and cities will be under the jurisdiction of headquarters, to be established in Hamilton.

Political action seems forecasted by the attitude of those present at a meeting held last night in the C.O.O.F. Hall to form a branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Union. Comrade Stradwick, president of the West Hamilton branch of the G. W. V. A. presided. A committee was appointed to prepare a constitution.

Police Magistrate Jelfs this morning committed for trial Norman Long on a charge of assaulting Albert E. Ford. George Smith and Daniel Orr, who were similarly accused, were allowed to go, as no evidence was produced against them.

Read Breakey's authentic newspaper stock sheet in classified section under motor cars.

GANGWAY COLLAPSED; TWO DEAD, TWO DYING

Eighteen Others Severely Injured in Disaster at Drydock at Lauzon.

Quebec, Aug. 12.—Two men are dead, two are dying, and eighteen others are suffering from grievous injuries, while many more received minor casualties, as a result of the collapse of a gangway at the new Champlain drydock at Lauzon, at closing time this afternoon. The names of the dead and dying are as follows:

Killed—George Beland, 32 years, of Breakeyville; Alphonse Richard, 33, Montmagny.

Dying—Antonio Lecours, 29 years, Bienville; Oscar Rancour, Lauzon.

It was just closing time, at 5 o'clock, when the accident occurred. Large gangs of men were engaged in repairing two C.P.R. vessels, the War Peridot and the Dunbridge, and as the whistles sounded at quitting time, there was a rush for the gangway leading from another vessel to the side of the dock. The gangway bridged a space of about thirty feet, between the ship and the side of the dock, and beneath it was the floor of the dock, forty feet below. In their anxiety to reach the wall of the dock, and get to their homes, about fifty men rushed on to the gangway, and as they reached the centre it snapped, precipitating them to the bottom of the dock.

CHARGE RAILWAYS WITH CORRUPTION

Brotherhoods Say They Have Been Systematically Plundered by Financial Interests.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The railroad brotherhoods thru their counsel, Glenn Plumb, today, laid before the house interstate commission the charges of corruption in the management of the railroads under private control. The charges announced as forthcoming a week ago, were that many of the great railway systems had been plundered systematically by the financial interests and that the railroads illegally held millions of acres of public lands. 18 representative railroads of the country, the brotherhood attorney asserted, issued stock aggregating $450,414,000 between 1900 and 1910 as bonuses and paid millions of dollars in dividends on these bonuses. These same railroads, he further charged, were "controlled in whole or in part, by the Morgan interests, the Rockefeller interests and the Gould interests."

SCORE'S MID-WEEK SPECIALS.

"Not in the history of 'the house that quality built' has there been such a call for light cool summer wear as this season"—these words from the manager of the Haberdashery section. And in no season have Score's been better prepared to meet the demand for it, notwithstanding manufacturing conditions, and for today emphasis is placed on summer underwear, special priced summer shirts, collars, neckwear, half hose, pyjamas, duck and flannel trousers. Score's, 77 West King street.

EX-KAISER'S TRIAL WOULD BE MISTAKE

Italian Expert on International Law Says Constitution of His Country Must Be Considered.

Rome, Aug. 12.—Deputy Stoppato, a leading member of the parliamentary commission which is studying the peace treaty, an eminent authority on international law and professor of the University of Padua, in an interview condemned the treaty's provision for the punishment of those responsible for the war and trial of the former German emperor as a mistake opposed to all the rules of modern juridical procedure. "I certainly do not defend the kaiser, who is more than a criminal, but his trial would be a mistake from the political standpoint," Deput Stoppato said. "There certainly should be obtained, a guarantee of international safety against further troubles, but this will not be found in the trial of the kaiser. How can we speak of penal trial against a sovereign, without considering the constitution of his country and the thought and will of his people? Was he the exclusive cause of everything or was he the educator of his people's will? In his trial accuser and judge would be the same. It would be impossible to secure an unprejudiced and impartial judge among his prosecutors. A judge must be sought among the neutrals, who would be unwilling to assume the responsibility of presiding over the court."

NEWSPRINT SERVICE BUREAU IN SESSION

Montreal, Aug. 12.—The Newsprint Service Bureau of New York gathered in summer session at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel today, when reports were received on production and general conditions governing the industry and stocks on hand, and discussion took place on improved methods of manufacture and cost accounting. There were about 40 representatives in attendance. At the morning meeting, Mr. P. T. Dodge, president of the International Paper Co. of New York, was elected president in succession to the late Mr. G. H. P. Gould, who died during his year of office. The reports on production brought out the fact that altho the production is greater, it is not keeping pace with the demand made by dailies and weeklies on the North American continent.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

EARLSCOURT

EARLSCOURT WILL RECEIVE PRINCE

District Makes Big Preparations to Welcome His Royal Highness.

At last night's meeting of the second annual fall fair committee at 1659 Dufferin street, the proposed visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales came up for discussion. It was felt that the splendid loyalty and patriotism of the Earlscourt district was one of the chief reasons for securing the attendance of H.R.H.

Street after street in this northwest section are covered with small frame houses built by soldier-pioneers, in which are living the returned men who have fought in the war, upholding the honor of Canada in the struggle for freedom and democracy.

When the call came for men to defend the empire, Earlscourt never wavered or held back; it needed no conscription act for the Britisher, whose parents were born under the flag in the Old Country. From these small frame dwellings there came forth hundreds upon hundreds of sturdy men who willingly left their loved ones to cross the Atlantic to fight for the land of the Maple Leaf and the mother country.

A resolution was then passed appointing Alexander MacGregor and Comrade Joseph Wines (G.W.V.A.) as a delegation to wait upon Brigadier-General J. A. Gunn, D.S.O., O.C. No. 2 military district, to request his good offices so that the Prince of Wales might visit this district.

General Gunn gave the delegation yesterday afternoon a warm welcome and told them how much he had at heart the interests of the brave Earlscourt boys who had fought under him on the bloody battlefields of France and Flanders, "and I will give a definite undertaking," said the general, "that H.R.H. visit Earlscourt, and the date will be fixed for Tuesday, August 26. I make an appeal for the hearty co-operation of all associations to line-up with the Earlscourt and district G.W.V.A. on that day to give his royal highness a hearty and patriotic welcome, such as Earlscourt will be proud of."

The delegation thanked General Gunn for his courtesy and promise. The general also accepted an invitation to be present at the director's luncheon at the fall fair on the opening day of the fair.

The objective of the second annual fall fair this year is 30,000 people and $10,000 in cash, silver cups, shields, medals, farm products, flour and feed and garden produce.

The following letter was read at a meeting of the British Imperial Association held at Earlscourt Public School from Lieut.-Col. Henderson, the secretary to the governor-general:

"With reference to your undated letter, extending an invitation to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to visit Earlscourt during his visit to Toronto. I beg to inform you that I regret that it will not be possible to make any additions, at this late date, to his royal highness' program, which is a heavy one."

The foregoing letter, however, was received prior to the visit of the fall fair delegation, and the B.I.A. will now co-operate with the fall fair committee to make arrangements for decorations, etc. A meeting will be called at once of all the associations in Earlscourt, and committees and subcommittees will be appointed to carry out the necessary details. W. F. Maclean, M.P.; Thomas Crawford, M.L.A., and the aldermen for ward six, Messrs. Donald MacGregor, Brook Sykes and George Birdsall, will be invited to take part with others in the celebration, and a complete program will be issued later.

One of the latest arrivals from the front is Miss Mary Whittaker, who is now visiting her sister, Mrs. Watcyn of the Royal George Theatre, Earlscourt. Miss Whittaker has been attached to the British imperial army since August, 1914, and was in Brussels during the German occupation. She joined the British Expeditionary Force and worked with a unit of the Salvation Army. In her work as a nurse she saw some harrowing sights and many cruelties perpetrated by the Huns. Miss Whittaker was decorated by King George with the coveted O. B. E., and she also wears the Mons Star Ribbon.

After the armistice, Miss Whittaker was taken to Cologne, Germany, where she states the Germans were practically starving. The trip home was made on the Minnedosa, a former German liner.

Earlscourt has a "white hope," name unknown at present, who issues thru his managers, Joe Wines and Jim Stockley, a challenge to "Soldier" Jones to box ten rounds at any time.

TODMORDEN

According to the statement of a prominent York township official to The World yesterday a well-known builder will erect twenty-two houses on Don Mills road, just north of the city limits, next spring, for which plans are now being prepared.

The members of York township council have just returned from a three-day motor trip to several of the border cities of the United States, as the guest of Fred H. Miller, reeve. The drainage and water systems of Buffalo and Rochester were inspected, and the party were impressed with the drainage system adopted by the town of Seneca Falls, which they considered one of the best seen during their tour.

ISLINGTON

A society or committee formed to carry the gospel of prohibition to the furthermost regions of Etobicoke township, was the result of a meeting held in the Methodist church last night. Members of the new society will endeavor to complete the temperance education of every resident before the referendum.

SCARBORO

WILL DETERMINE LOCATION OF MAIN

Commissioner Harris to Decide on Extension of Water System in Scarboro.

The story in The World that Scarboro was figuring on selling water to York township from a new system which the former municipality proposes to construct in its southwest corner, attracted some notice in the city and York township circles yesterday. It was pointed out that Toronto is under an agreement to sell water to York township and has gone to considerable expense in building big mains up to the city limits and enlarging pumping stations to provide for the present and future growth of York township. In fact, the planning of the York township distribution has been carried out to fit in with the city's system in the event of future annexations. The legislature even gives the city supervision over any county extensions.

The World hears that no proposal has been made by anybody in authority in the township to drop the city and take water from Scarboro. In fact, if York had any intentions of securing a supply independent of the city it is said they would be more likely to secure a site near the east end of the city and erect their own pumping station. One official recalls that there was dissatisfaction some time ago with the way York township's needs were being neglected, but the city was unable to meet the requirements until a larger main had been built across the Don and a pumping plant installed at Riverdale. These deficiencies have since been provided.

The city is at present constructing a 24-inch main from the boosting plant in Riverdale along Victor avenue to Logan, up Logan to Withrow, east along Withrow to Pape and up Pape to Danforth. This main will be ready this fall and is big enough to supply the whole Todmorden district, where several hundred more houses are soon to be built on the Davies estate. It is proposed to continue this 24-inch main eastward along Danforth avenue or run it north to the city limits and then take it straight eastward to the boundary of Scarboro township. The exact location of this trunk main will be determined by Commissioner Harris soon after he returns to the city. The carrying of this main beyond the corner of Danforth and Pape will be a work as much in the township's interest as the city's, and it is understood the cost will be shared by the two municipalities.

At a meeting of the housing commission of the municipality of Scarboro, Alfred Essex was appointed chairman, Mr. G. B. Little, vice-chair and Mr. W. D. Annis secretary. A number of communications were received and dealt with and further progress made in connection with housing needs.

WESTON

Arrangements are being made for a memorial service to soldiers on the last Sunday of this month. Every church in town has been asked to participate. It is probable that the service will be held in the town park. Special music and a band will feature in the ceremony, and all local veterans will attend.

After careful consideration of reports, the 1919 tax rate for the town was fixed at 36 mills by the council at the regular meeting held in the town hall last night. This rate is three and a half mills less than last year's tax, and the council is justly proud of the fact.

A proposal to provide a fully equipped fire truck for the local volunteer brigade was favorably considered, and a chemical tank with a capacity of 40 to 50 gallons will be attached to the apparatus.

Mrs. R. McKittrick, widow of the late W. J. McKittrick, was appointed tax collector. Her late husband served the municipality in a similar capacity for a number of years. Instructions were issued to the solicitor to prepare a bylaw authorizing the council to charge license fees for the sale of tobacco, cigars, cigarets and also to license laundries. The bill will be presented at the next council meeting. A bylaw covering peddlers' licenses is already in force in the municipality.

NEWMARKET

Fire broke out yesterday morning about 4 a.m. in a freight car on the G.T.R. siding at Cane's factory. The car was destroyed, together with a pile of pail lumber, but the efforts of the local fire brigade prevented the blaze from spreading or doing further damage.

Tenders for the installation of a sewer system for the town were opened last night, but the contract has not yet been awarded. The price given by MacNamara Bros. of Sault Ste. Marie was the lowest, but even that was in excess of the engineers' estimates. A meeting will be held on Monday next to decide what will be done in the matter.

J. T. Playter, who appeared before Major Brunton for selling somewhat ancient eggs, was ordered by the court to refund the sum of $7, paid to him for the produce, and to pay the costs of the prosecution.

WEST TORONTO

An Italian branch of the Citizens' Liberty League will be organized at an inaugural meeting to be held in St. Julien Hall, corner of Lansdowne and Bloor, tomorrow evening. Addresses will be delivered in Italian and English. Harry Corti, organizer, will preside.

DANFORTH

NEED OF HYDRO LIGHTS.

Regarding the installation of the Hydro-Electric light in the eastern section of York township, and the complaints of undue delay, John A. Macdonald, third deputy reeve, stated to The World yesterday that he had no doubt that the undertaking will be carried out, and the proper and just demands for electric service speedily given. "A special meeting of council and the representatives of the Toronto and provincial Hydro was recently held," said Mr. Macdonald, "at which the whole question was thoroly gone into, with the result that an understanding has been arrived at and the representatives of the city and provincial Hydro have undertaken to speed up the work of installation.

"The city Hydro can only move just as speedily as the provincial Hydro because everything done has to be with the consent and approval of the provincial Hydro. The provincial Hydro representative was thoroly satisfied with the township's undertaking to meet all financial demands and assured the council that there would be no occasion for further delay and would not hold up the work of installation any longer," said Mr. Macdonald.

CITIZENS' LIBERTY LEAGUE.

The mention of forming a branch of the Citizens' Liberty League for the Hebrew people of the city was recently debated by the executive of the association and many prominent Jewish citizens were approached. It was decided to abandon the idea as the feeling of the majority was that the Jews would prefer to join the branches already formed in the various districts.

Hydro-Electric for the district will be the principal topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Danforth Park Ratepayers' Association, to be held in Gledhill Mission this evening. W. Curtis, president, will occupy the chair.

Progress has been made on the Bloor street viaduct new roadway between Sherbourne and Parliament streets during the past few days. The section between Parliament street and Glen road subway is now completed, and the first surface has been laid on the second section two-thirds of the way between the subway and Sherbourne street. It is expected that the work will be finished and the roadway opened for wheeled traffic by the first week of the Exhibition.

The business men in the vicinity of Broadview and Danforth and the residents generally, are up in arms regarding the lack of public lavatory accommodation at the eastern end of the viaduct. The large pedestrian traffic and crowds in this section at all hours make the convenience of utmost importance, and frequent demands are made for use of private toilets in the vicinity. According to the statement of the caretaker of Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, the lavatory in the building is used so frequently by the public that the management has been compelled to forbid its further use.

A deputation of the residents will wait upon the city council to request immediate attention in this regard.

NEW TORONTO

No reference was made to the York Radial situation at the monthly meeting of New Toronto council last night. When asked as to the attitude of the residents in this connection, an official of the council said that since no complaint had been received by the council from the ratepayers, the matter did not come up for discussion.

The only item of importance was the rescinding of the building bylaw and the passing of that same measure in its entirety. This action was made necessary because of the recent wholesale violation of the bylaw and the impossibility of enforcing it because of that fact. However, the council feels that the municipal slate has now been cleaned and will enforce the bylaw in every instance.

Convalescent soldiers from Christie Street Hospital will be entertained by Mr. Adamson at a garden party and concert this afternoon. The fete will be held at the host's residence on Third street, and Reeve C. Lovejoy will act as chairman.

EAST TORONTO

The members of L.O.B.A., Unity Lodge, No. 80, and L.O.L. Torbay, No. 361, will meet at the corner of Dawes road and Danforth avenue on Saturday evening next at 7.30, when they will proceed to Dawes Park to enjoy a corn roast.

CEDARVALE

A big meeting was held last night at Cedarvale of the Citizens' Liberty League. T. L. Carruthers was chairman, and among the speakers were Archie Draimin, J. Galbraith, E. Woolfe and C. S. Townsend. A number of new members were enrolled.

THREE WINNIPEG MEN FACE SEDITION TRIAL

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—James Grant, John Farnell and A. W. Martin were committed for trial in the police court today on charges of sedition.

Preliminary hearing for the three men was concluded Friday. They are each at liberty on $3000 bail. They were alleged to have been active in planning the "silent parade" which precipitated the Winnipeg riots of June 21.

EX-CROWN PRINCE PAYS VISIT TO PRUSSIA

Berlin, Aug. 12.—With the permission of the Dutch government, the former German crown prince has just spent several days with his wife and children at Soden, Prussia, and accompanied them part of the way back to Potsdam, according to The Lokal Anzeiger.

The newspaper adds that Frederick William has now returned to Holland.

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ST. JOHN'S GREETS VISITING PRINCE

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tory of the city cheered the prince's entry. The route of the parade was decorated with spruce trees, topped by gay colored shields, bearing the flags of the allies. The arches erected by the municipality and business houses were an attractive feature. At the commercial arch the prince received an address from the commercial community, read by the president, and especially noting the work of the fisher folk in defying the German submarines. The prince replied appropriately. At the colonial building the address was read by the colonial secretar. It emphasized the colony's efforts in the war, a work which the prince in reply commended warmly. Here, the heads of both houses of the legislature presented the prince with an electric device for the illumination tonight.

At six o'clock he started for the Country Club for a round of golf, returning at eight, for dinner.

Formal State Dinner.

The dinner was a formal state affair, and was attended by many prominent citizens. An automobile parade followed, in which the prince viewed the special street illuminations and the brilliantly illuminated buildings and battleships and merchant vessels in the harbor. Public buildings and private residences exhibited every form of decoration and illumination while great bonfires blazed from the surrounding hilltops, and spectacular firework displays were given along the line of march.

After the parade the prince returned to the government house and attended an informal dance for the younger set, remaining until 1 a.m. He retired for the night in the same room his grandfather, Edward VII., occupied when he visited the new world in 1860.

REBUILD ELEVATOR AT PORT COLBORNE

J. A. Jamieson, Architect, Says Government is Making No Change.

St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 12.—Before departing for Ottawa to report on Saturday's elevator disaster at Port Colborne, J. A. Jamieson, architect on the construction of the Dominion elevator, which was wrecked presumably by dust explosion, expressed his opinion that the greater portion of the lower part of the huge steel and concrete structure can be utilized in reconstruction. The two lower storeys are entirely intact and can be built upon with little reinforcement. Asked with regard to the deputation which Kingston is sending to Ottawa to ask that the elevator be built in that city instead of Port Colborne, Mr. Jamieson stated that Kingston would have no chance whatever. "The elevator will be rebuilt here," he said.

Bodies of Albert Beck and Sidmund Dunlap, the two unaccounted for elevator hands, have not yet been recovered. Two suction pumps are still being used on the submerged barge Quebec to remove the grain from the boat in the belief that the bodies may be discovered below it. The slip where the barge was loading will also be dragged in an effort to recover the bodies in case the men were thrown overboard by the force of the explosion.

All of the injured men with the exception of S. Mouck are progressing very favorably. The condition of Mouck, who was badly burned, is still very serious.

APPOINT A BOARD TO PROBE DISASTER

Government Engineers to Inquire Into Port Colborne Explosion.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways and canals, upon his return to the city yesterday, immediately took into consideration the matter of the explosion which occurred at the government grain elevator at Port Colborne on Saturday last. Dr. Reid has appointed an inter-departmental board of engineers to hold an investigation and to furnish a full report on the causes leading up to the accident incidental thereto.

This board is composed of Lieut.-Col. C. N. Monsarrat, consulting engineer to the Dominion government; A. St. Laurent, C.E., assistant deputy minister of the department of public works; D. W. McLachlan, engineer in charge of the Port Nelson terminals of the Hudson Bay Railway, and John Murphy, electrical engineer of the department of railways and canals.

Besides investigating the cause of the accident, the board is requested to furnish a recommendation as to repairs and reconstruction, and has been given charge of salvaging the grain remaining in the bins.

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BRITISH MINISTERS WARMLY CRITICIZED

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fected since the armistice. Twenty thousand officers and more than 200,000 men, General Seely said, had been demobilized while 210 aerodromes have been dismantled and 1,927 rented buildings had been returned to their owners.

The estimated appropriation for the air force of 66,000,000 pounds, the general added, was necessary to clear up war contracts.

May Cut Force in Half.

Mr. Churchill, defending the government, said that thru its policy it was beginning to regain control over expenditure. The latter was still dependent upon military commitments abroad, the minister said, but already it had been arranged with France that by the end of October the British forces on the Rhine may be reduced to a single strong brigade, including an air force of a single squadron. The delayed peace with Turkey and Bulgaria, and the position in Mesopotamia, prevented immediate reduction of the large forces, while the Irish executive was strongly opposed to reducing the Irish garrison.

The government is making earnest inquiries whether it is not possible to the employment of armored cars, and swift tanks, and a judicious arrangement of railways and airplanes, to greatly reduce our armies in these regions. Mr. Churchill declared. He was hopeful that it might thus be possible to reduce the costly British forces by half. Mr. Churchill argued, however, against abolishing the framework of the anti-aircraft organization on the ground that no form of attack could more easily or secretly be prepared than an air attack.

New Instances of Muddling.

He contended that instances of muddle and mismanagement were remarkably few, considering the volume of business, and said that despite mistakes, waste and muddles, the government was overcoming troubles in a manner to challenge comparison with any other belligerent, not excluding America. Expenditure on defences was in the hands of parliament, which could stipulate the amount it desired to spend and leave the war office to do its best therewith.

By next year, the war minister continued, there would be only two great nations in the world, free from conscription—Great Britain and Germany—and only one of these voluntarily free. Even the United States was embarking on a policy of conscription. These were sombre facts.

The British policy he asserted, was to return to the principle of the small pre-war voluntary army, subject only to such improvements, and modifications as the war had taught. The present day cost of such an army, according to an estimate submitted to him, but which he was not yet prepared to accept, Mr. Churchill said, would be between sixty-five and seventy-five millions yearly.

Garrisoning Palestine.

In addition, there was the question of garrisoning the newly acquired Mesopotamia and Palestine. With the air force, Mr. Churchill declared, he had instructed Major-General Sir Hugh Trenchard, chief of the royal air staff, that he must provisionally frame his scheme within the limits of twenty-five millions yearly, which was equivalent to about twelve millions in pre-war days. Mr. Churchill said he held most strongly that a resolute and earnest effort must be made to economize, even if such economy involved the abandonment of cherished schemes. The risks of the financial situation were such that risks in other directions must be faced. A reduction of expenditure would be obtained by discharging officers and men from the army and air force as quickly as the situation allowed. Every effort would be made to obtain decisions of world policy which were necessary before the government could proceed upon its path.

Mr. Churchill said he believed that four or five years hence it would be found the best course for the armed forces of the crown to aim at scientific progress and quality rather than mere numbers or instant readiness for action. He fully agreed with the house that reduction in the cost of armaments was the first need Great Britain had to face, but declared that he would not himself become responsible for maltreatment of the army during the years which followed immediately on the war, or for any policy which denied the air force a permanent, effective and independent status of existence.