

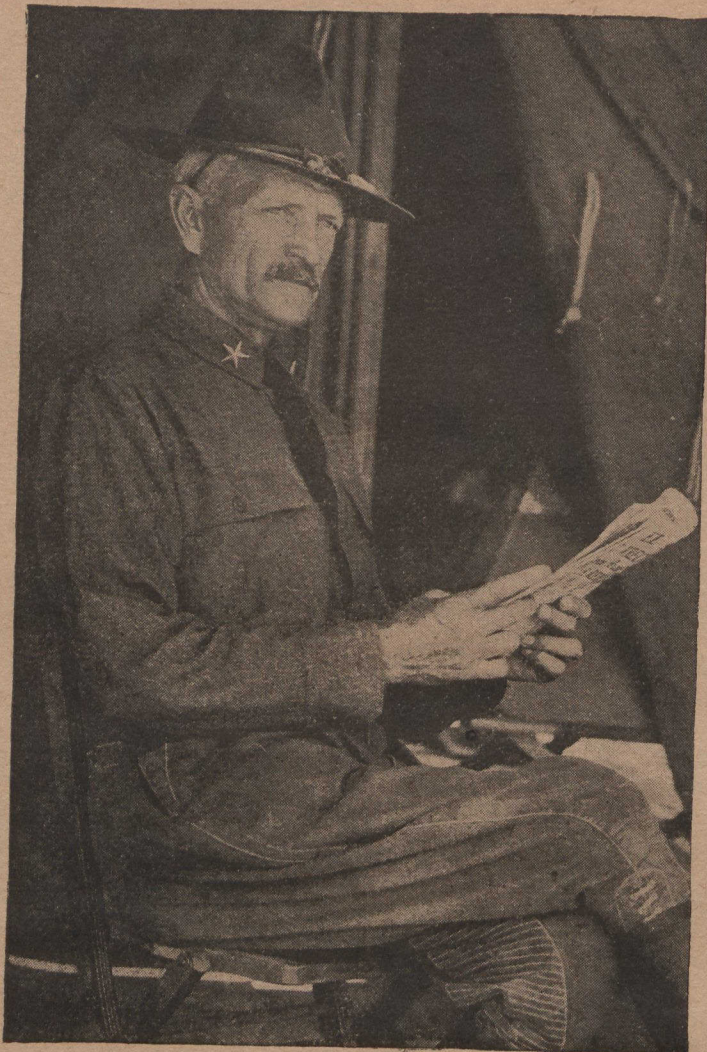


A. F. KERENSKY, the new Minister of War in Russia, succeeding Guchkoff, who resigned, has the biggest contract of any War Minister in the world. He succeeds to a long line of traitors—with a few exceptions such as Guchkoff. He is determined to enforce discipline in the Russian army. How he felt about the situation a few weeks ago is well expressed in his address to a delegation of soldiers' representatives when he was Minister of Justice: "As affairs are going now, it will be impossible to save the country. Perhaps the time is near when we will have to tell you that we can no longer give you the amount of bread you expect, or other supplies on which you have a right to count. The process of the change from slavery to freedom is not going on properly. We have tasted freedom and are slightly intoxicated, but what we need is sobriety and discipline." Kerensky is more optimistic now. In his War Minister speech to the Duma he said: "I never have been in military circles and I never have had any experience with discipline, but I nevertheless am determined upon discipline, through which the army surely will succeed."

M IDSHIPMAN DONALD A. GYLES, R.N. R. of H.M.S. "Broke," who was in charge of the fore-castle during a naval fight in the Channel. Amid the dead and wounded of his gun's crew and half-blinded by the blood from his own wound, Midshipman Gyles met single-handed with an automatic revolver the frenzied rush of the Germans.



G EN. JOHN J. PERSHING will head the first American Expeditionary force to Europe—and he will go soon. The rough rider photograph below is his favourite picture.



PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT



JUST to get away from war, here is a curiosity: the director of a grand opera company which actually makes money for its investors. Fortune Gallo has done a great deal to make the San Carlo aggregation a commercial venture. The company was in Canada a few weeks ago. It has no particular home centre like the Metropolitan or the Boston. It just travels about—making money out of good opera. Director Gallo has a much more cheerful view of opera than Max Rabinoff, who directed the Bostons here on several occasions. One of the secrets of Mr. Gallo's success is that he attends personally to all the little details of his position, even to looking over and studying local conditions before booking his company in any city. He employs no secretary or stenographer. Also he is absolutely devoid of temperament. The photo we show of Mr. Gallo is typical of him. When there is work to do he takes off his coat and "wades into it."



S IR WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Chief of the British General Staff, is as efficient at home as Sir Douglas Haig is at the front. This Scotchman has as much iron in his unemotional make-up as any Hindenburg or Ludendorff. But he is also a human being, not without a certain dry humour, a cautious, tenacious Scot, with a grip on the war machine like a travelling crane. His appointment, more than a year ago and before the tragic death of Lord Kitchener on June 5, 1916, was one of the changes that made the new British army begin to be effective when backed up by the present Premier, Lloyd George, as Minister of Munitions. Nobody expects any man to replace Gen. Robertson. He will see the war—through.

M R. GEORGE W. MCKINLEY was the organizer of the great luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, London, April 12th, when Mr. Lloyd George, the British Premier, was the guest of honour of 500 members and friends of the American Luncheon Club. On this occasion Mr. Lloyd George made a most notable address. Mr. McKinley, who is one of the chief officials in the Vacuum Oil Company, a subsidiary company of the Standard Oil Company, is Secretary of the American Luncheon Club, London. He was born in St. Catharines, and for many years represented the Vacuum Oil Co. in Ontario and the United States before being sent to England.

