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In The House of Lords

On Friday evening last, the British House of Lords adjourned after a two days session, until February 2nd, when Parliament will reassemble.

The opposition was not very successful in securing from the government information on the growth of the army, or on the operations of the navy regarding which its members persistently questioned the ministers; but, generally speaking, the government expressed satisfaction at the rate at which recruiting was proceeding, and Viscount Haldane declared that the necessity for compulsory service had not arisen.

The Lord Chancellor also announced that experts in England were producing a gun which, at least, was the equal of the German 42-centimetre gun.

The Unionist peers who criticized Ireland's reply to the call to arms, were told that Ireland was doing her full share in the war.

"We have every reason to be satisfied with the rate at which men are coming into the army, but nothing will draw from me the numbers recruited for the reason that the value of such figures to the enemy would be enormous," said Baron Lucas.

"We know that Germany is raising large numbers of new troops outside of the usual military organization from a part of the population not usually trained to arms," Baron Lucas continued.

Dealing with Viscount Middleton's charge concerning the inequality of the burden on different parts of the country resulting from the present system of recruiting, Baron Lucas said he thought this was inevitable.

The Earl of Selbourne said he doubted if the government had sufficiently impressed the nation with the immensity of the task the country was facing.

Viscount Haldane, Lord High

Chancellor, replied on behalf of the government. He agreed with the Earl of Selbourne's estimate of the gravity of the crisis. He said he was one of those who had hoped that the more peaceful party in Germany might prevail, but he also was aware of the danger to be expected from the military notions which had laid hold of the mind of the German people that, while at the war office, he had set, himself during the years of peace to frame a military organization capable of the necessary expansion.

Referring to some of the technical problems of the war, Lord Haldane remarked that the Allies at an early period in the fighting had been behind in respect to great guns. This condition has since been rectified, he declared.

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Two British merchantmen with cargoes valued at \$2,500,000, reached Boston on the 8th from the Far East, after narrow escapes from becoming prizes of the German cruiser Emden.

The oceanic liner Vendure arrived at Honolulu from Sydney on the 3rd with reports that nine troop ships carrying Australasia's second expeditionary force of 25,000 men had sailed for England between Dec. 14 and 22 and

that a third force of 20,000 men was being recruited. It was said that captured German steamers were being used as transports for cavalry horses.

Progress of the War.

London, Jan. 5.—Two of the three Turkish columns which last week invaded the Russian Caucasus have met with disaster, and those not killed or captured are in disorderly retreat, pursued by the Russians. The column which took Ardahan two days ago has been driven out of that town, according to the Petrograd official dispatches, and is almost surrounded by the Russians, who hold the main roads.

London, Jan. 6.—Apart from the Russian victory over the Turks in Trans-Caucasia, which is described in a despatch to the Russian Embassy from Petrograd, as "complete," interest in the warfare now lies chiefly in the stubborn fight which the French and Germans are carrying on for the roads to Cernay and Muelhausen in Upper Alsace.

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Local And Other

The Pope on Thursday received 600 men and women of the religious orders who were expelled from Syria and Palestine.

A Madrid despatch says German auxiliary cruisers have been interned at Las Canary Islands.

L. M. Graham, who is 79th, Cameron Highlanders, Winnipeg is 6 feet 8 inches tall, his stocking feet, the tallest in Canada.

A special of the 11th London Mail from France states that Capt. N. of the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, of Canada killed while fighting in France.

The German cruiser Karlsruhe, which was bottled up in the east of several weeks ago, has been according to despatches in London from Southend.

The wholesale price of flour has increased to Ottawa has increased to per barrel. This is an increase of 2 since the war broke and is the highest figure ever recorded since 1870.

The Rev. S. J. McDonald, St. Marks Lot 7, was kindly remembered by his parishioners New Year's Day. When a close of the Mass, he was presented with a well filled purse of gold and a silver chain.

Letters received in London state that the Prince of Wales a regiment of territorial troops on Dec. 29 column of 3,000 men led Hertfordshire regiment, Prince at their head, marched miles on New Year's Day.

Loaded with food-stuffs to value of \$450,000, a British steamer which sailed from more for Rotterdam, on the west shore in Black Sea near Norfolk Island. The cargo represents the St. Maryland's contribution to suffering Belgians.

A preliminary report of British reply to the American regarding the shipping of coal band goods, was handed Ambassador Page in London the 8th for transmission Washington. It is reported Washington that the reply regarded as friendly and general satisfactory.

In a bye-election for the Brunswick Legislature held Carleton County last Thursday B. F. Smith Conservative was turned with a majority of 700 votes. It was a fight between F. B. Carvell, Grit M. P. for County and ex-Premier Fleming Conservative Candidate for Commons in the County at Carvell at the next election.

More than 100 persons overcome by smoke, out of glass, bruised and otherwise injured by a fire aboard a tug the subway, in the height of rush hour in New York. In panic and confusion which sent police headquarters into report that twelve persons their lives, but later this proved to be unfounded, only one death is recorded.

A boy named Robert Carron, aged 9 years, of Dr. Lodge's dental rooms, city to have some teeth extracted a few days ago. He was under chloroform and the were extracted. But he regained consciousness and while doctors were trying to resuscitate him, a coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

The Belgian relief ship palycee, flying the British and bearing on her side canvas signs with the inscription Commission Belgium Rotterdam, sailed from on the 7th, for England will take on a pilot in England guide her through the fields to Holland. The Har carried away a cargo of \$500,000, consisting of foodstuffs and clothing, of by the New England relief committee.