

AUSTRIA FOR SEPARATE PEACE

More Men to be Called Up Under Military Service Act Italian Premier Pledges Loyalty to Allied Aims

LLOYD GEORGE CHALLENGED OPPOSITION

Called Upon British House, If Dissatisfied, to Form New Government SESSION EXCITING Premier Saw No Ground for Hope in Czernin's Proposals

By Courier Leased Wire London, Thursday, Feb. 12.—Parliament reassembled to-day on tip-toe with curiosity as to how Premier Lloyd George would meet President Wilson's latest declaration and the dissatisfaction manifested by a section of the press and public over the Versailles council, and also as to how far former Premier Asquith would respond to the extreme wing of his followers for the abandonment of the policy of benevolence toward the Germany.

The House of Commons was not disappointed for the sitting proved unusually exciting. It could hardly be said that Mr. Asquith rose to the expectation of the most eager of his party, but the temper of a large section of the members seemed to show that such tactics would meet with considerable support.

Perhaps the most notable thing was the contrast in the speeches of the Premier and the former Premier with regard to President Wilson's speech. While Mr. Asquith endorsed fully the President's view, Premier Lloyd George did not even mention Mr. Wilson's last speech, and declined to see in Count Czernin's statement any nearer approach to reasonable terms than in Count von Hertling's. Moreover, the Premier regarded the German Chancellor's demand that Great Britain give up her coal stations as proving fully that the controllers of Germany policy were in no mood to discuss reasonable terms in peace.

Declaring absolutely that he would not hesitate to suppress, if revealing more about the Versailles conference, Premier Lloyd George challenged the House, if dissatisfied with the Government's conduct of the war, to put another Government in its place.

The question of enlarging on the status of the Versailles conference to a little scene between the Premier and Mr. Asquith, and throughout his remarks about the council the Premier was subjected to a running fire of heckling, punctuated with loud cheers from extreme Liberals, many of whom in subsequent speeches made strong attacks on the Premier regarding his alleged connection with the press.

Hugh Cecil, member for Oxford University, admitted the Premier's speech was reassuring, but said that the existence of coincidences between utterances in the press and certain lines of Governmental action. He hoped the Government would not hesitate to suppress, if necessary, even the most influential journals acting contrary to the national interests.

Admiral Sir Rodd Mearns invited the Premier to get rid of his private secretaries, and also the press, which was hanging around his neck "like albatrosses."

AMERICAN DEAD SLEEP ON SCOTTISH COAST

Victims of Tuscania Laid To Rest at Different Points; Military Honors for Dead Soldiers; Many Are Unidentified

By Courier Leased Wire A Scotch seaport, Tuesday, Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—Up to Tuesday night, a week after the disaster, 171 victims of the ill-fated Tuscania had been laid to rest at different points on the Scottish coast. These were divided as follows: Americans, 131, identified and 33 unidentified; crew, 4 identified and 3 unidentified.

The Associated Press correspondent co-operated with the American army officers in obtaining these figures, which go forward to Washington as the most accurate and complete list obtainable. The last 17 of these bodies recovered—all Americans—were buried this afternoon, villagers again coming many miles in a downpour of rain to pay tribute to the dead. The bodies were brought to the burial place on one big motor truck, which was followed along the route, several miles long, by the squad of 25 khaki-clad American survivors and the villagers.

RECEPTION TO CAPT. REV. C. S. OKE

New Pastor of Alexandra Church Welcomed by Congregation

Despite the unfavorable weather, a large number of people turned out to greet the new minister, and assure him of a warm welcome. An innovation to the rule, the affair was entirely in the hands of the ladies. Mrs. John Lodge, the affable Secretary of the Ladies Aid, presided. At the conclusion of her address the programme presented included a duet by Mrs. Barton and Mr. Edwin McKinley; a reading by Miss Kathleen Driver and a quartette by Mrs. Barton and the Misses Heath, Wald, and Harrison, which were much enjoyed.

The following ministers were present and extended congratulations to the pastor and people: The Rev. Capt. E. E. Jenkins of St. Jude; the Rev. Mr. Bowyer of Calvary Baptist; Rev. Mr. Logan of Colborne St. Methodist; Rev. Mr. Gordon of St. Andrew's. Each address was most wishes and impressive. Rev. Mr. Campbell of Balfour St. was unavoidably absent.

A letter was read by Mr. McPherland from Rev. G. A. Woodside, who was out of the city, expressing good wishes. The Rev. Mr. Oke was called on and received hearty applause.

Mr. Gordon was called on when Mr. O. Dowd, on behalf of the congregation, presented him with a check for \$100.00, and a splendid and willing work as their moderator during the vacancy at Alexandra church. Each minister present paid a high tribute of esteem for the former pastor, the Rev. D. T. McClintock.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Chambers, to all who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. After a social hour the singing of the National Anthem concluded a memorable evening.

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SEPARATE PEACE WITH AUSTRIA?

Dual Monarchy May Make Independent Terms With the Entente

POSSIBILITY NEAR

By Courier Leased Wire London, Feb. 13.—According to the lobby correspondent of The Daily News, facts are known which bring the possibility of a separate peace between Austria-Hungary and the Entente Allies much nearer. Great reluctance, he says, is manifested in Austria towards the prospect of fighting British and American troops on the western front.

Hertling To Reply

Count von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, in an exchange telegraph despatch from Amsterdam, says he intends to answer President Wilson in the Reichstag next Tuesday.

Count von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, it is reported, unofficially, will answer President Wilson's address to Congress in the German Reichstag next Tuesday. President Wilson saw a difference between the Chancellor's recent statement and that of Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and declared that Count von Hertling had not withdrawn from his position that peace should be made on Germany's terms.

Facts are known in London, The Daily News says, which bring closer the possibility of a

VICTORY CAMPAIGN IS ON IN FULL SWING

Over \$28,000.00 Raised in First Days' Canvassing for Patriotic Fund—Anecdotes of the Campaign.

On the big war map on the market square, the little Jack has crept up past the \$28,000 mark, and is going in a straight line for the \$150,000 objective. This total only includes the returns from nine of the ten teams canvassing for the Patriotic Fund, made at headquarters last night. Hearty yells from the individual teams, solos and duets of a satirical nature opened the second Patriotic Fund Campaigners' banquet. At one time three teams were contesting for the honor of the best singers at the gathering, the teams singing simultaneously. Team No. 2 was an easy winner. The chairman, Mr. Spence, read a telegram from Mr. Lloyd Harris, representative of the Canadian Government at Washington, pledging his support to the fund.

Evans is very sincere in his expressions. In the course of his address, the speaker said that Brantford was the same as any other Canadian city, and was by no means an exception. We must live up to our promises to our men who enlisted at the beginning of this great conflict. As he vividly pictured the conditions in France as they are to-day, the Colonel inquired of his audience "What is war?" Some say it is Hell. It is worse than that. It is murder. Battle is murder, pain and sacrifice. We sacrifice nothing, and not always do our duty. In France, our men sacrifice everything, their lives, and do their duty cheerfully. Col. Evans said that in his three years' service at the front, he had not heard so much grumbling as since he returned to Canada.

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separate peace between Austria-Hungary and the Entente. Austria is said to look with disfavour on sending her soldiers against the troops of the United States and Great Britain.

Challenged to move want of confidence in his government by Premier Lloyd George, the British House of Commons yesterday, failed to take such action. Criticism of the Versailles council and the Premier's attitude concerning it, was voted in the House by former Premier Asquith and other speakers. As to reports that Field Marshal Haig and General Robertson had been dismissed or had resigned, spokesmen for the government denied the truth of such statements.

Move to Split London, Feb. 13.—The recent speeches of Count von Hertling and Count Czernin were a conclusive performance, between the two statesmen intended to drive a wedge between the Allies rather than to secure peace, Earl Curzon, government leader in the House of Lords, declared in a debate yesterday in the House of Lords on the address to the throne; No attempt, he said, had been made to meet the minimum demands of the Allies. Earl Curzon added: "The most critical times that ever confronted this country were in front of us. But I do not think the position is at all dangerous, and our military advisers do not think it is. At the same time we shall have to put forth every ounce of effort into the common cause. If we do that I am confident we will win, and thus save civilization."

AIRPLANE MAIL SERVICE IN U. S. Will Be Established Next Summer; Permanent If Practicable

By Courier Leased Wire Washington, Feb. 12.—Establishment of an airplane mail service between Washington, Philadelphia and New York during the coming summer was indicated to-day when the post office department called for bids on five airplanes for that service.

The service will begin with one round trip a day and later may be expanded. First class mail only will be carried at the outset of the service.

It is not the purpose of the Post Office Department to make this an experimental service. Postmaster-General Burleson announced. "Its practicability is to be assured before the establishment of the route. Once established it is to remain a permanent service."

ITALY LOYAL UNTIL ALLIED CAUSE IS WON

Nation Determined to Fight Until Victory, Declared Premier Orlando

PARLIAMENT OPENS Continuation of War a Matter of Necessity, Not of Choice

By Courier Leased Wire Rome, Feb. 13.—Enthusiastic applause and cheers met the declaration of Premier Orlando at the opening of parliament to-day that the war situation was growing better, due to help from the United States replacing Russia.

Premier Orlando reviewed the Versailles conference and pointed out that so far as Italy was concerned the continuation of the war was no longer a matter of choice, but necessity. He said also that this fact is understood by all patriotic Italians who are now willing to wage war to the bitter end.

Regarding Italy's aims, the Premier declared that they were unitary, peaceful, and that she wished for no more than the security of her national boundaries by land and sea, and also the fulfillment of her international duty.

It is materially seen how Italian citizens view the war question by the fact that the unfinished national loan already has brought in three and a half billion lire, and it will be found that the double any previous loan—all this money, despite our defeat last fall, Italian are determined to fight until victory.

Anglo-Italian Friendship Rome, Tuesday, Feb. 12.—The minister of war, General Affari, has returned to Rome from a visit to England.

"The impression I received," he said, "may be summarized in the words 'earnestness and discipline,' which apply to the whole British Empire. My observations of the English people confirm the impression I received when I saw the British troops on our own front."

The object of my journey was to place myself in contact with the directing organizations of the British army. This was accomplished most satisfactorily. All England is standing together against the enemy in the just cause. In the reciprocal help, which must become even greater, and in the brotherhood of arms, the traditional Anglo-Italian friendship becomes even closer.

Increased Vandalism Paris, Feb. 13.—The Austro-German invaders in northern Italy daily are resorting to increased acts of vandalism, violence, pillage and brutality, according to the statement of prisoners captured by the Italians. A Havas despatch from Rome says. Officers as well as soldiers are participating in the looting. "It has been pillaged and stores and buildings destroyed wantonly by intoxicated troops. The rivalry in stealing, it is said, has increased."

THE MERCHANTS CORNER So much money is made and so much lost by advertising, that the simple instinct of self-protection ought to make it advisable for every intelligent and progressive business man to try to make himself familiar with everything pertaining to advertising. Many a good prospect, which deserved to be a success, has gone wrong and turned out a failure for lack of proper advertising intelligence. Difficulties are things that show what men are. Those who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

CALLING OUT OF MORE MEN UNDER M.S.A. FORESHADOWED

Further Call Likely To Be Made Soon in View of Urgent Necessity for Reinforcements—Statement Coming of Results From The First Draft

By Courier Leased Wire Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 13.—It is stated that the Government will soon give out returns showing the result of compulsory military service, the number of men in khaki from the different military districts and the number who may be available in the coming spring. The anticipated official statement, it is understood, is now under consideration and may be issued shortly.

Pending the issue of the official statement, any returns published, it is stated, must be regarded as purely speculative. It may be taken for granted, however, that the issue of a statement, especially in view of the situation on both eastern and western fronts, must lead to the further call under the terms of the Military Service Act.

Of the six classes specified in the act only one has been called—that of single men and widowers (without children) less than 34 years of age. It is considered certain that there are men in other classes who might be drafted into the army without causing undue hardship on any dependents and without decreasing the production of essentials. The primary consideration urged is that of necessary reinforcements.

the years 1876 to 1882 or both inclusive, and are unmarried or are widowers and have no child.

Class 4—Those who were born in the years 1876 to 1882, both inclusive, and are married or are widowers who have child or children.

Class 5—Those who were born in the years 1872 to 1875, both inclusive, and are unmarried, or are widowers who have no child.

Class 6—Those who were born in the years 1872 to 1875, both inclusive, and are married or are widowers who have a child or children.

The Central Appeal Judge now has over three thousand appeals awaiting consideration, and it is expected that some thousands more will be entered. Total appeals entered before the central appeal judge from men in class one only will probably total ten thousand, even excluding the Province of Quebec. Consideration of so large a number of appeals, it is pointed out, will demand considerable time.

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