

LLOYD GEORGE BECOMES BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Bonar Law, Who Declined to Undertake Formation of a New Ministry, Will Act in Co-operation With Lloyd George.

A despatch from London says: David Lloyd George has overthrown the Asquith Cabinet and will become Prime Minister himself. The new Government will be coalition like the old one, but probably without the same measure of harmonious support which attended the formation of the first coalition Government, because its birth has created additional difficulties.

There was a prospect on Wednesday afternoon that the personal offices of the King might solve the situation. The King called the party leaders to Buckingham Palace and conferred with them for more than an hour. Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George, who accepted the responsibility, as everyone anticipated, he would if the opportunity came to him. The official announcement that Mr. Lloyd George had undertaken the task, with the co-operation of Mr. Bonar Law, was a notification that the new Government would be coalition. Any party Government would be impossible because neither the Unionists nor the Liberals have a majority in the House of Commons; either one must attach the Irish Nationalists or the Laborites to itself to command a majority.

"SPEED UP" WAR PARIS DEMAND

Momentous Changes in Policy
Expected in France—

"Knockouts" Busy.

A despatch from Paris says: Following the example of Great Britain changes of moment can be foreseen also in France. In fact, the coming to head of the British situation has only hastened in France developments which were before practically certain.

The secret session of the Chamber of Deputies, at which the demands of the French "knockout" group are being urged, has now almost reached its end. It probably would have lasted several days longer, and there is little reason to doubt that the result would have been the same, but, after the British action, further discussion has become practically impossible. The resolution presented by the "knockouts" for the consideration of the Chamber reads as follows:

"In the interests of national defence it is urgent that the secret session of the Chamber of Deputies end as soon as possible, and that in a precise memorandum the people's representatives point out to the Government the demand of the country."

There is no doubt as to what this means, and there is no doubt as to what will be the result. A complete change of policy, probable shift in the personnel of the high command, and a few minor changes in the Government are almost certain. The Ministry, however, is likely to remain as it is constituted.

PULLMAN HOSPITAL CARS.

Several Being Fitted Up To Transport Wounded Soldiers Inland.

A despatch from Montreal, N.B., says: At the request of the Military Hospital Committee, several Pullman cars are being converted into hospital cars, to be used in transporting returned wounded soldiers from the port of landing in Canada to interior points.

FRENCH RETAKE LOST TRENCHES IN THE REGION OF VERDUN

Germans Gain Temporary foothold in French Position in April

A despatch from London says: Hill 304, in the Verdun region, and the forest of Abremont, south-east of St. Mihiel, have been the scenes of the only reported activity on the western front. Paris claims the Germans were ejected from a section of the trenches on Hill 304, but Berlin asserts the troops of the Crown Prince repulsed French attempts to retake the trenches. The Germans, Paris records, succeeded in gaining a foothold in French trenches in the forest of Abremont, but later were ejected by a counter-attack.

The official communication from British headquarters issued on Friday night says:

"During the day the enemy shelled our front south of the Aisne and in the Cuendeourt and Ransart areas.

We retaliated by bombing various positions behind the enemy's lines.

Our trench mortars were active south east of Armentières."

GERMAN U-BOATS AT MADEIRA SINK GUNBOAT AND SHELL CITY

The Steamers Kangaroo and Dacia Were Also Torpedoed and a Number of Sailors Drowned.

A despatch from London says: German submarines visited the Island of Madeira on Sunday and bombarded Funchal, the capital of the island. Fifty shells were fired, 34 persons being killed. The remainder of the population fled, and only returned when the submarine departed under an intense fire from the fortress. The sub-

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Incurables affiliated with Bellevue
and Allied Hospitals, New York, offers
to enter the Nursing Profession. Applications to the Superintendent, Miss Cook, 139 Dunn Avenue,
Toronto.

Markets of the World

Broadcasts.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Manitoba wheat, New No. 1 Northern, \$1.96; No. 2, 1.94; No. 3, 1.87; No. 4, wheat, extra, 1.92; track bay ports. Old crop Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 65c; No. 3, 63c; extra, 1. feed, 65c; No. 1, 68c; track bay ports. December shipments subject to embargo.

Onario wheat—No. 1 white, 62c per bushel; No. 2, 62c per bushel nominal; No. 3, 62c per bushel nominal. Ontario wheat—New No. 2 Winter, each bushel, 61c; No. 3, 60c; No. 4, 57c according to freight rates. Peas—No. 2, \$2.40, according to freight rates outside.

Horseflesh—\$1.15 to \$1.20, ac-

cording to freight rates outside.

Ontario flour—Winter, according to

to freight rates outside.

Manitoba flour—First patents in late

years, \$5.00; Toronto, 40c, 10c, 10c,

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