

HALDANE WAS THE MAN

WHO SUGGESTED THE APPOINTMENT OF KITCHENER.

Former Secretary of War Was the Victim Of Newspaper Calumny—Never Uttered a Word of Protest.

London, Feb. 22.—Here is a place of hitherto unwritten history which will doubtless receive its due place in the archives of the war, and will certainly have to be taken into consideration by the future biographer of the notable British worthy, Lord Haldane, present lord chancellor and former secretary of state for war, philosopher, jurist and much-calumniated person.

Soon after the outbreak of the war it will be remembered, Lord Haldane was the object of certain attacks which went so far as to suggest that the admiration he had always expressed for German literature and philosophy, and the efforts he had made to ameliorate the political relations of Germany and Britain unfitted him for the work he was doing for his country, and even rendered that work suspected.

"Give us Kitchener—we don't want Haldane," was the cry. Kitchener was given to those who cried for him. It looked as if "K. of K's"

advent at the war office was a direct result of a newspaper campaign. As a matter of fact, Kitchener's appointment to the war office was decided upon by the prime minister, Mr. Asquith, before a single line had appeared in any newspaper advocating his appointment, and the particular irony of the situation is that it was Lord Haldane himself who suggested Kitchener's appointment to Mr. Asquith.

Mr. Asquith Agreed. The lord chancellor has been derided by his enemies and traduced in the press as having "a German mind." It was possibly thanks to his knowledge of Germany and the German character that, when the war began he realized, possibly there quickly than any other man in England, how thoroughly Germany must have prepared for it and how vast and complicated was the task before the allies. Mr. Asquith was at the beginning of last August discharging the duties of war minister as the sequel to the Curragh incident. With the tremendous extra pressure entailed by the preparations for the great struggle, the prime minister called upon Lord Haldane to assist him at the war office. That was on Sunday, August 2nd. The following day Lord Haldane arrived at the war office in obedience to his superior's call; but took immediate occasion to direct the prime minister's attention to the fact that neither one civilian nor even two could be properly qualified to do the work required, but that a soldier and great organizer was required.

"Neither you nor I, nor both of us," said Lord Haldane to Mr. Asquith in effect, or probably in different language, "can fill the bill. Kitchener is the man wanted."

Mr. Asquith agreed with his colleague's suggestion. There was just one difficulty in the way. Lord Kitchener, as the British agent in Egypt was in the employ of the foreign office, and this latter department fully realized the value of having him at the head of affairs in the Khedivate where trouble even then was foreseen. However, it was realized that the need of his services was greater even at home than in Cairo and the foreign office gave way. So Lord Kitchener, who had already on that Monday morning left London for Dover on his way to Egypt was recalled by telegraph as he was about to board the channel steamer. He returned, saw Mr. Asquith, the following morning, 10 Downing street, and the next day, Wednesday, he was appointed secretary of state for war. Lord Haldane remained at the war office till he had completed the particular task assigned him by the premier, when the latter requested his assistance there.

Made No Protest. These, it can be stated on authority, are the exact facts of a matter which has been travestied from political and personal motives in a fashion that has raised the gorge of most thinking Englishmen. Long after the first newspaper attacks on Lord Haldane had been forgotten by the general public in the excitement of the early days of the war, a daily paper which was eking out a perilous existence on a diet of sensation opened a campaign of calumny distinguished chiefly by ignorance and folly. Throughout it all Lord Haldane, who is a most sensitive nature, sat without a word of defense or protest. Greater things were at stake, he realized, than his personal feelings; and when a liberal newspaper, the Daily Chronicle, took up the cudgels on his behalf, it was practically against his wishes. His friends, however, maintained that it was to the interest of the country that his slanderers should be exposed and the exposure was made with such telling effect that Fleet street was not surprised to learn that the paper which had led the attack had gone into the hands of a receiver.

GERMAN AIR RAIDER VISITED ESSEX COAST Bombs Dropped on Braintree and Colchester—A Britisher in Pursuit. London, Feb. 22.—Another German air raid on the Essex coast was attempted last evening, when a bomb was dropped on Colchester, forty miles north-east of London and about eighteen miles slightly south of west of the port of Harwich.

Two aeroplanes were seen over the city, one of which is believed to have been a British machine chasing the marauding German.

The aeroplanes disappeared in the direction of the coast.

The bomb fell in a garden near the barracks and damaged several buildings.

Another bomb was dropped earlier in the evening on Braintree, but failed to explode. Braintree is fifteen miles west of Colchester, inland, and apparently the German raider had been much nearer to London than this, for the German was being chased at a fast pace when first sighted by civilians.

The aeroplane, said to be a German, also dropped bombs at Marks Tey, six and a half miles west of Colchester, and near Coggeshall, but no serious damage resulted. The machine was last reported as making off to sea.

Helping the Fund. The Belgian Relief Fund had three representatives on as many circuits of the Methodist Church on Sunday. Dean Coleman addressed a meeting in Hartington in addition to attending a church anniversary meeting; Dr. Chown was at Elginburg, Kepler and Glenvale; and R. Meek at Cataraqui, Westbrook and Collins Bay. The result was a large sum, which goes through the Methodist church to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Canadian trade during the year 1914 fell off about \$210,000,000 as compared with 1913, made with Great Britain declined about eighty million dollars, while that with the United States increased by about ten millions.

SENT TO THE CENTRAL

SIX MONTHS FOR SOLDIER IMPLICATED IN THEFT.

Harry King Arraigned Before Napanee Magistrate On Saturday Afternoon—He Is An Ex-Member Of British Army.

Harry King, aged twenty-four years, who recruited with the 4th Regiment for overseas duty, came before Magistrate Rankin, at Napanee, Saturday afternoon, and was sentenced to six months in Central prison, on a charge of having been implicated with John Dillon, another member of the third contingent, who on Saturday morning was sentenced to one year in the Central for stealing a coat, vest and pair of trousers, the property of Arthur Day, a boarder at the Paisley house, in Napanee.

King and Dillon were rounded up early Saturday morning as the result of the work of Chief Graham and Constable Barrett. King was found in a box car. He had taken off his military overcoat and was evidently endeavoring to beat his way to Toronto.

When King appeared before the magistrate he pleaded guilty to the charge, and asked that the judge be lenient with him, stating that he knew the clothes Dillon had were stolen, and that he would not consent to do so.

King is an ex-service man of the

A VALOROUS FOE.

A German Journalist's Tribute To The British Soldier.

The Die Zukunft, a political review edited and published in Berlin by Herr Maximilian Harden, prints the following: "The English army has dissipated many of the prejudices of the tacticians against mercenaries. In the British Isles there are plenty of professions bringing in good money. If a man voluntarily joins the army instead of becoming a clerk, agent, games-professional, or jobber, then he has done so because he likes it; it is pleasure in his work that raises a man's achievements above the average. On German soil England is still grimly hated, but the German warrior spirit, just in its appreciation, has over and over again praised the courage, stamina, and shooting skill of the English."

"The beggars are artists. Show them two fingers above the edge of the trench, and they hit the mark. Dum-dum bullets. Certainly. Still, such things as bolts, splinters, arrows from the sky, bombs, 'Minesweeper' hardly appeal to the armoury of pious knights. Tommy has amazed us. We thought that something ridiculous was on its way to us from the other side of the water. Now every one takes him seriously. Twice, three times wounded, he fights on. And when in a hand-to-hand struggle he has reached the end of his tether, he tears open his sunic and with bared breast flings himself on



A scene from Act 3 of "Milestones" at the Grand Opera House on Thursday, Feb. 25th.

British army, has always showed himself to be a good soldier, and was well liked by all his comrades. Dillon blamed his downfall on strong drink.

the glittering steel. Such fighting is worth the doing."

Has Austria Made Concessions To Italy?

London, Feb. 22.—Frankfurter Zeitung, in a leading article suggests that Austria had made territorial concessions to Italy to insure the latter's neutrality.

The article suggests the holding of a conference by Germany, Austria and Italy to discuss their differences.

Fire At Seely's Bay On Sunday at 11.30 a.m. fire wiped out the home of Mrs. Robert Maxwell, two and one half miles east of Seely's Bay. Everything was destroyed, nothing being left except the clothes worn by the occupants.

Fire also destroyed the barn of Frank Maxwell at Seely's Bay, on Sunday-afternoon.

Will Go Overseas. George Tryon and John Carter, two employees of the Montreal Transportation company, left on Saturday and will go overseas with the Canadian troops. Mr. Carter goes with the 21st Battalion and Mr. Tryon with the third contingent.

A limited capital is, many times, forced to face monumental desires. We should all be just as careful in giving advice as we are in taking it.

A sense of our weakness is often substantial evidence of our strength. The honest way is not the hard way with the man who is fond of honesty.

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Japan Insists That Demands Be Accepted

Peking, Feb. 22.—The conference between Eki Hiroki, the Japanese minister, and Lu Cheng-Hsiang, the Chinese foreign minister, on the Japanese demands upon China will be resumed to-day. Japan, it is said, still insists on the acceptance of all her demands, while China, it is declared, will consent to the discussion of only twelve of them.

The English and Chinese newspapers are reprinting statements from The Jiji Shimpo and other Japanese newspapers to the effect that China will derive no advantage by delaying her acceptance of the Japanese demands until the forthcoming Japanese election, it being asserted that both the Japanese parties have similar policies with regard to China.

QUEEN'S MET DEFEAT. In New York Saturday Night By 4 goals To 1.

Queen's lost to the St. Nicholas team in New York on Saturday night by a score of 4 to 1. The Boston game has been cancelled, and unless another game is arranged the team will arrive back in the city on Monday night.

Carnival Hockey Games Hockey fans will have a rare treat during the carnival this week. Tomorrow (Tuesday), evening at 7.50 o'clock the 14th Regiment will send a strong team against the 21st Battalion, and a good game should result.

At nine o'clock, the speedy Belleville team will line up against Junior Frontenac. "Tim" Ferguson will likely referee both games.

On Wednesday night, the speedy K.C.I. team will line up at 7.30 o'clock against a picked "all star" City League seven. At 9 o'clock the strong Brockville Inter-provincial seniors will face Frontenac seniors, in what should prove to be a "thriller."

Brockville has won ten straight games this season, not having met with a single defeat and will be up with a strong team.

At 8.45 o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, a one-mile skating race will be pulled off. The prizes for the one mile military race on Tuesday will be: 1st, a fine silver watch and 2nd a dandy pair of military hair brushes. For the Wednesday night race, open to local hockey players only, there will be three fine prizes: 1st, a beautiful silk umbrella, value \$5.00; 2nd, a fine watch and locket, value \$2.50; 3rd, a Waterman fountain pen, value \$2.75.

The sports committee has decided to hold a grand masquerade carnival at the covered rink on Thursday night. Suitable prizes will be offered, and at 10 o'clock there will be a grand parade from the rink to the market square headed by a brass band.

All the proceeds of these games will be turned over to the carnival funds for the soldiers.

Carling At Rockwood. There were no games played on the Kingston curling rink on Saturday. Kingston defeated Rockwood on the Rockwood rink. The results were: W. L. Goodwin, 22; J. Davidson, 12; A. A. Turcott, 18; Dr. E. Young, 16.

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