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Over Question of British Trade Interference.

BLOCKADE OF GERMANY

WOULD HAVE SOME GOOD AND BAD RESULTS.

Washington Officials Say Real Blockade would Remove One of the Principal Issues.

(Special to the Whig.)
 Washington, Jan. 17.—Britain and the United States are prepared to-day to join issue, definite and clear-cut, over the question of British trade interference. The agitation in London for a declaration of an actual blockade of Germany to replace the paper blockade of orders-in-council, promises to bring the Anglo-American disputes to a head.

State Department officials said, the effect upon this country of Britain actually blockading Germany would have some good and some unsatisfactory results.

The declaration by Britain of a real blockade of Germany, officials here declared, would remove one of the principal issues between the countries. If Britain failed to enforce it, however, American shippers right to sell to Germany would still be maintained.

TURKISH WAR OFFICE ADMITS RETREATS.

Before Russians in Caucasus and British in Mesopotamia.

Constantinople, Jan. 17.—The Turkish War Office reported that the Turks were confronted by superior forces under Russian Grand Duke Nicholas and after holding off the enemy for a week retired.

The official statement referred only briefly to the situation in Mesopotamia where a British force is surrounded, reporting intermittent artillery fire near Kut-el-Amara.

In the Caucasus the Russians made repeated attacks against the Turkish positions on both banks of the Aras River, said the official statement. This was especially true in a district between Aras and in the Id Valley where Turkish advanced posts retired several miles after having detained for an entire week strong forces of the enemy.

British Defeat Turks.

YOUNG MAN YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU

One of the reasons assigned for the failure of Britain and her Allies to force the Dardanelles was lack of sufficient reinforcements at a critical hour.

Had the necessary men been available when they were needed the straits would have been forced, Constantinople would long since have been in the hands of the Allies, and thousands of British lives would have been spared; Bulgaria would not be to-day fighting with the enemy, and all of the Balkan states would probably have been lined up against the German tyrants.

Other critical hours are bound to arise before the end—more critical than that when the Dardanelles might have been opened.

Will the British forces be in a position to take advantage of their opportunities? Every physically fit man of military age can help answer the question in the affirmative by enlisting at once.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

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More Turkish Defeats.

(Special to the Whig.)
 London, Jan. 17.—The Turks have suffered severe defeats in important struggles now raging in two of the Asiatic theatres of war, it was officially announced this afternoon.

Secretary Chamberlain informed the Commons to-day that the Turks continue in retreat in the Kut-el-Amara region have fallen back from the positions to which they were forced to retreat several days ago.

Bad weather is hindering the British pursuit, but it is believed the siege of Kut-el-Amara will be lifted within a few days owing to the cause of the nearby condition of the country between Sheik Saad and Kut-el-Amara the relief forces have been unable to march directly westward to the relief of Gen. Townshend but have been forced to follow the windings of the Tigris River. They are now within a few days' march of outer defences of the place.

AUSTRIA - PROTESTS

Against the Anglo-French Occupation of Corfu.

(Special to the Whig.)
 Vienna, Jan. 17.—Austrian Government has protested against the Anglo-French occupation of the Greek island of Corfu, in a note transmitted through the American Ambassador.

NO STRIKE IS LIKELY

By Those Who Are Opposing Conscription.

ONLY FEW HOTHEADS

ADVOCATE A NATIONAL TIE UP IN ENGLAND.

Illiterate Driver Sways Union Men—J. H. Thomas, Who Was Restrained Extremist, Is Generally Admired.

London, Jan. 17.—Labor ranks continue to wage a tremendous controversy over the attitude towards conscription. J. H. Thomas, railway men's official, has much to do with swinging the railwaymen against compulsory military training. Formerly an engine driver, won his spurs in the local town council, became a power in the Trade Union movement and reached Parliament. He is illiterate, having worked hard from early boyhood, but is simple, sincere, and eloquent. Everyone admits his disinterestedness, straightforwardness, and ability. Formerly a labor disputer, he restrained the hot-heads, risking his position and popularity time and again by stopping unauthorized railway strikes. Much depends upon his counsel and advice to the men. Some hot-heads are undoubtedly advising a general strike in reply to the bill. There is, no reason, however, to suppose that this policy is even considered by the majority of the men.

The boiler-makers support compulsory military training. Their secretary, John Hill, in his monthly notes, says that right up to the introduction of the measure he fought compulsion in any shape or form, but the views of members from the shops came as a surprise to him.

Their trade doesn't make for eloquence, but it was made abundantly apparent that our members realize that we in the midst of a life-and-death struggle, for which they had suspended their cherished rules and customs and were relying to the full limit of their strength for the equipment of our forces. They thought of their brothers and sons who had left good jobs and comfortable homes for wet trenches, wounds, and death. They very firmly and definitely said: "These sacrifices shall not only be made by eligible fighting men, so at our conference we decided to support a measure of compulsion for fit single men who are hanging back provided we obtained adequate representation for labor on local munition tribunals."

This, I believe, represents the views of a vast majority of working men.

A FULL PAGE USED

In All the New York Papers For Aid To Belgium.

(Special to the Whig.)
 New York, Jan. 17.—A full page advertisement captioned "The Kingdom of Greece," and appearing to-day in all the New York newspapers, is the appeal of the Greater New York Committee of the Belgian Relief Commission. It points out that a penny a day from every American will clothe the ragged women and children of Belgium and northern France.

Rev. H. D. Raymond, M.A., financial agent for Wycliffe College, Toronto, has been appointed vicar of Trinity Church at Barrie. St. Nicholas Church, Birceliff, was destroyed by fire.

NEW TRANSPORTS FOR JOCK



"Ye don't go to the billets from the firing line in this style, ye ken"—Highland soldiers on leave in London enjoy the novelty of a beach chair ride, with fair "chalmers" doing the work.

TOTAL FOR MONTH.

(Special to the Whig.)
 Ottawa, Jan. 17.—General Hughes received a cable from London stating that the alarm report of Canadians' enlistment is evidently for the month, as they are published monthly there.

LABOR MAY VOTE ON CONSCRIPTION.

Progress of Compulsion in England Leads to Request For Vote.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Sections of the International Labor Movement in Canada are evidently watching the conscription legislation in the British House, and appear to think that the passage of the limited conscription bill there may shortly be followed by a movement in the same direction in Canada.

DINED WITH KIPLING.

A letter received from Capt. William Hartly stated that the writer had a few days before dined with Rudyard Kipling, the famous author. Mr. Kipling had just returned from the front, where he had been told by a prominent staff officer that the French were now in a position to break through at any time. It would cost, however, a million men to break through. Capt. Hartly is now in command of the 7th Brigade Ammunition Column, C. E. F., at present in England.

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BUY ROMANIAN WHEAT.

A British Syndicate Will Take All Surplus Produced.

(Special to the Whig.)
 Bucharest, Jan. 17.—An English syndicate today closed a deal for the purchase of eighty thousand cars of Romanian grain, paying fifty millions in gold. The entire Romanian grain surplus will be purchased by the Allies, in conformity with a plan of buying Germany in the matter of food supplies.

POPE TO INVESTIGATE

The Charges of German Atrocities in Belgium.

(Special to the Whig.)
 Rome, Jan. 17.—Pope Benedict will appoint a commission within a short time to conduct an impartial investigation of the charge of German atrocities in Belgium, it was learned to-day. This is the first result of Cardinal Merloni's visit to Rome for an audience with the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

TURKS RETREATING.

(Special to the Whig.)
 London, Jan. 17.—Officially announced that the Turkish forces are retreating on both banks of the River Tigris, twenty-five miles south of Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia, and being closely pressed by the British.

STILLA MYSTERY.

Do Not Know What Caused The Explosion.

(Special to the Whig.)
 New York, Jan. 17.—After two days investigation the cause of internal explosion which killed four men and injured ten aboard the submarine E-2 is still a mystery. The authorities to-day scoffed at the suggestion that the explosion was a result of a German plot.

DARKNESS KILLS 800.

Absence Of Light At Night Proves Dangerous.

London, Jan. 17.—Darkened London has resulted in a great increase in crossing accidents. During the last year 800 persons have been killed by collisions and other accidents at crossings, largely caused by the darkness of the streets. A system of better protection is required.

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BIG CAMPAIGN FOR RECRUITS

To Be Run In Kingston For Two Weeks.

DEPOTS TO BE OPENED AT ALL PUBLIC PLACES, THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

Both Political Parties To Assist — Drill of 146th Battalion Suspended For Two Weeks To Allow Men To Bring In Recruits.

Lieut.-Col. C. A. Low, Dr. A. W. Richardson, President of the Liberal Association, H. Angrove, President of the Conservative Association, and representatives of the press, met in the Armouries on Sunday evening and organized a recruiting campaign for the 146th Battalion.

"Starting now we are going to run a campaign to bring the 146th Battalion up to strength," said Col. Low in opening the meeting, and he outlined a plan that will take in every medium for the securing of recruits. Recruiting depots are to be opened in the railway stations, pool-rooms, hotels, theatres and other centres, and automobiles will be for the coming two weeks travel from one of these depots to another gathering of those who sign. The men will be taken directly to the Armouries where they will be sworn in immediately.

The advertising of the campaign will be the biggest ever launched here. The newspapers, window signs and other mediums will be used for advertising purposes.

By permission of headquarters, training of the men on the battalion will be suspended for two weeks, and as Col. Low said to them on Saturday morning every one will be expected to bring in two recruits. They will be given every assistance and the names of the men will be put in daily orders and in the papers giving them credit for the men they enlist.

The City Council this evening will be addressed by the Mayor and Col. Low, and the earliest opportunity asked for their earnest co-operation.

The names of all of the young men in the city of Kingston, who should be in khaki will be secured as soon as possible and every man will be so listed. For this purpose teams in charge of an officer will go into every ward and a house-to-house canvass will be made.

For the purpose of attracting the crowds, the newly-organized band of the battalion will play at noon and every evening at prominent street corners and in the Armouries and the military spirit will thus be installed into the minds of the young men.

Lieut.-Col. Low had the unanimous support of all those present at the meeting, and now asks for the earnest support and co-operation of every citizen in bringing the 146th Battalion up to strength.

Bergen, Norway, Burned.

(Special to the Whig.)
 Christiania, Norway, Jan. 17.—The city of Bergen, population ninety thousand, was nearly destroyed by fire Saturday night. The loss is estimated at fifteen million.

Sarah Horton, an inmate of the Elgin County House of Industry since it was established, died there at the age of one hundred and two years.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

City Council, 8 p.m.
 Band at Palace Park to-night.
 Hockey, 8 p.m., Pitou vs. Queen's II.
 See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

DIED.

NORTON-TAYLOR—In Kingston, Jan. 16th, 1916, Harriet Norton-Taylor, widow of the late Col. Norton-Taylor, B.A.
 Funeral from her late residence, 106 Wellington street, Tuesday, 10 a.m., to St. George's Cathedral, thence to Cataract cemetery.

ORRICK—At the Hotel Dieu Hospital, on Jan. 15th, 1916, Mrs. Margaret O'Rourke.
 Funeral (private) from her late residence, 81 George street, Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of her soul.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the mass at 9.30.
 REID—In Kingston, on Jan. 17th, 1916, Elizabeth Jane, widow of the late John F. Reid, aged 72 years.
 Funeral from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Pollitt, 223 Division street, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, to Cataract cemetery.
 Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

CHOSEN BY FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PAST
 Cast your coat, my life is at his.

LORD CHARLES KENZIE