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He Is Concerned With Munitions Industry Alone—Opposes Parliamentary Investigations, But Offers To Furnish Information.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, will fight his own battles in Parliament...

Sir Sam didn't meet them. He did not shirk them. He took them up, looked over them, and said they didn't belong to his fight.

Concerned With Shell Business Only. The General inaugurated the shell business in Canada and named the Shell Committee.

No Party Distinctions For Him. No distinction has been made, emphatically declared the Minister, between Liberals and Conservatives in his handling of the Department since the war began.

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PITH OF NEWS.

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

Dr. Brock, West Lorne, died very suddenly in his office.

A. J. Balfour declared the British navy was prepared for any emergency.

Two hundred consumptive prisoners of war arrived at Berne, Switzerland.

Grey County Council voted \$7,447 to provide supplementary equipment for the 147th Battalion (Canadian Greys).

The new wing to the Berlin Carnegie Library was officially opened by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson.

Rev. Frederick T. Kingham, Methodist pastor at Sparta, failing to receive an appointment as chaplain, has enlisted in the 91st Battalion as a private.

It required 51 votes to decide who should be Warden for the United Counties of Durham and Northumberland. Reeve George Greer, Cobourg, being finally chosen.

AIRCRAFT BROUGHT DOWN. London, Jan. 27.—The British airmen continue their activities on the Western front.

Seven hostile aeroplanes were encountered, and in addition three captive German balloons were attacked by British aviators.

Two enemy aeroplanes and two balloons were forced down. All the British machines returned in safety.

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For Any Emergency That May Occur.

BALFOUR'S STATEMENT

EVERY DOCKYARD IN THE EMPIRE KEPT BUSY.

First Lord of Admiralty Questioned In Commons, About German 17-Inch Naval Guns—How British Navy Is Keeping Pace.

London, Jan. 27.—A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the British Government had no evidence that Germany possessed seventeen-inch guns, but that it was not impossible.

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ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS IN BELGIAN TRENCHES.



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JOINT NOTE BY ALLIES

An Answer To United States And Sweden.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT

TO DEAL FIRMLY WITH THE UNITED STATES

In Answering Its Latest Protest Against British Trade Regulations—Allies to Show Unified Purpose.

London, Jan. 27.—A joint note signed by all the Allies answering the latest protests from the United States and Sweden and setting forth the Allies' position toward neutral trade for the period of the war is in contemplation, it was learned to-day.

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PRaises THE WORK.

Would Like to Give \$1,000,000 to Belgian Commission.

New York, Jan. 27.—"I am able to say without reserve that although I have had occasion in the past to inspect many methods of public relief in various countries, I have never before seen one that compares in efficiency, thoroughness and wisdom with the system now being employed in Belgium through the combined efforts of the Belgian Relief Commission and the Comite National."

Mr. Edgar adds: "Furthermore, if I had a million or five million dollars placed at my disposal for the relief of the Belgians, I would not hesitate for a moment to put it at the command of this organization, confident that it would employ it to the best advantage of the people, and that not a dollar would be wasted or misapplied."

It is frankly stated that Mr. Edgar went to Belgium skeptical of the efficiency with which relief was being dispensed, but his own statement above is sufficient to show that he was convinced of the value of the work being done by the Relief Committee.

VERY DANGEROUS IS THEIR POSITION.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, Jan. 27.—Twenty thousand British troops defending the Arabian seaport of Aden under heavy attack by a combined Arab and Turkish force, and in a dangerous position, according to reports received here to-day.

U. S. EXPORTS NEW RECORD.

Trade Balance for 1915 Was \$1,772,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 27.—American exports increased 70 per cent. in 1915, and reached a total of \$3,555,000,000, breaking all previous records.

Figures to-day by the Department of Commerce show that exports and declining imports together set a new American trade balance record at \$1,772,000,000.

The country's total foreign trade—exports and imports—passed the five billion dollar mark during the year, each month showing heavier exports until December's reached \$350,000,000.

The trade balance of close to two billion dollars was five times greater than in 1914, when it stood at \$324,000,000.

Exports have grown steadily and rapidly for the last four years, the European war checking outgoing shipments only for a brief time. The figures show that the war not only cut imports but changed their character as well.

Seventy-two per cent. of last December's imports were duty free, against sixty per cent. free the previous December. This is attributed to the British blockade, which has cut off highly dutiable manufactured products from Central Europe.

CALL IT DANGEROUS.

(Special to the Whig.) Bristol, Eng., Jan. 27.—Resolutions opposing conscription that were adopted by an overwhelming majority at to-day's session of the National Labor Conference of delegates representing more than two million workers.

The resolutions declared compulsory military service "to be contrary to the spirit of British democracy and a full danger to the liberties of the British people."

FIND CURE FOR CHOLERA.

Three French Physicians Have Proven Serum Cures.

Paris, Jan. 27.—A cure for cholera, the deadliest scourge known to science, has been discovered by three French physicians attached to the Tunis branch of the Pasteur Institute, according to information given out here to-day.

The three scientists, Dr. Nicolle, Dr. Conon and Dr. Conseil, risked their lives during their experiments by inoculating themselves with cholera germs.

The newly discovered serum was then administered, and all three of the doctors recovered.

FIFTY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY.

It is Said Kaiser's Health is Fully Restored.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Kaiser Wilhelm celebrated his fifty-seventh birthday to-day in the field with his troops. At the Kaiser's request the elaborate celebration of the years preceding the war were not duplicated to-day.

The Kaiser has now completely recovered from his recent illness, according to reports received here.

Toronto's gross debt is now \$94,411,919.

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS. CHOSEN BY FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DAY.

A MINISTER HELPED MAN

How Far Should Cabinet Minister Travel

TO HELP HIS FRIEND

ISSUE RAISED BY MR. LLOYD-GEORGE'S INTERVIEW.

Which Was Hawked About For Sale and Thus Cheapened the Statesman's Standing—A New Industrial Britain is Being Developed.

London, Jan. 27.—All the London papers publish an interview with David Lloyd George by Ivor Nicholson, a young Welshman to whom, according to current gossip in Fleet street, the Minister of Munitions wishes to do a good turn.

Interesting and somewhat novel questions in industrial and journalistic ethics are raised by this interview, which has been offered to a number of papers for a good round sum, but was eventually sold to each of them for \$5, as The Times is informed. The point chiefly debated is to what extent a Cabinet Minister is entitled to go in order to do a service to a journalistic friend.

It is not for a moment suggested that Mr. Lloyd George is in any way concerned with the financial considerations which affect the disposal of the interview. He is doubtless entirely ignorant of the manner in which the interview has been hawked about London. It is considered unfortunate nevertheless, that a man occupying an office like Mr. Lloyd George should have allowed his good nature to place him in a position where it can be said that a British Cabinet Minister's words are being offered to the highest bidder. In point of fact, there is little worth while in the interview. It is much more Nicholson than Lloyd George.

The latter states a few generalities which are common knowledge. Perhaps the most interesting observation made is contained in the following lines:

"A new Britain is being developed—a new industrial Britain. Under the great pressure of the war we are increasing and improving and quickening our industrial resources to an extent which would have been impossible but for the demands of this conflict. Let me give you just one example, remarked the Munitions Minister. In the first place, we have introduced scores of millions worth of automatic machinery which will have an enormous effect upon our industries when the war is over. In addition to that we are adding to our already great industrial army of skilled workers, and we shall need them all in the future to repair the ravages of war. This country, therefore, so far from being impoverished, will be richer in everything that constitutes real and true wealth. We shall be better organized, better equipped, better trained, and what is more important, perhaps a better disciplined nation. In fact, we shall emerge as a nation, and not a congeries of conflicting interests."

LOTS OF MONEY IN TORONTO. (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Jan. 27.—One and a half millions has been raised for the patriotic fund here in two days. The full two millions is expected by tonight.

DAILY MEMORANDUM. Civic Finance, 3 p.m. Frederick Palmer's war lecture, Grand, 8:15.

See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities of being improved. Limestone Lodge, No. 31, A.O.U.W., meets to-night, 8 o'clock.

BORN. HOPKINSON—in Kingston on Jan. 27th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hopkinson, 165 Alfred street, a daughter.

MARRIED. ANGLIN-KENT—in St. George's Catholic Church on Thursday, Jan. 27th, 1916, by the Very Rev. Dean Starr, M.A., D.D., Doris Isabel, second daughter of Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. E. E. Kent, Somerset House, Kingston, to Lieut. Douglas Grant Anglin, 46th Queen's Battery, C.E.F.

SPARKS-DEWEY—in Wednesday, Jan. 26th, at 11 o'clock, by the Rev. Canon Fitzgibbon, Marion, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Dewey, Depot Regiment, C.M.E., son of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Sparks, Johnson street.

DIED. HUFFMAN—in Toronto, on Jan. 27th, 1916, Lena Myrtle Switzer, beloved wife of Robert W. Huffman, aged twenty-three years, nine months and seven days.

PETER—in the Kingston General Hospital on Thursday morning, Jan. 27th, 1916, Ellen Jane Percy, beloved wife of the late William Perry.

General (private) from the residence of her son-in-law, J. A. Newman, Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock.

FLYNN—in Kingston at Hotel Flynn, on Jan. 27th, 1916, Mary Flynn, wife of the late John Flynn, of Portsmouth.

Funeral from her son's residence, 242 Barrie street, to St. Mary's Cathedral, Saturday, at 9 a.m. Solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of her soul.

Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. Pleiton, Ont., Connecticut, N. Y. and papers please copy.

SMITH—in Sunbury on Jan. 27th, 1916, Charles Smith, in his 89th year. Funeral from his son's residence, Cornwell's Smith, Sunbury. Funerals notice later.

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