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SIR SAM HUGHES' GREAT SPEECH

He glories in the creation of the Shell Commission and Shows how a new and profitable industry was developed by his own enterprise. He also gives the inner history of contract awards and proves that Liberals bombarded the portals for orders and generally got them while his own constituency was neglected. So far as the militia department is concerned he knows no politics, and submits facts and figures disclosing the actual state of affairs.

In his speech on the address on Wednesday, Hon. Sir SAM HUGHES (Minister of Militia and Defence) said: Permit me, Mr. Speaker, at the outset of the few remarks which I purpose making, to offer you my hearty congratulations upon your being called to fill the high position which you now occupy. I know that you will pursue the line of your predecessors, and reflect nothing but credit, honour, and dignity upon the position.

AUSTRO-GERMAN ATTACK ON SALONIKI IS NOW SAID TO BE IMMINENT

Von Mackenzen is at Monastir and Railway to Border Ready for Troops. Heavy Fighting on Western Front. German Financiers Fear Rupture with United States and Stocks Slump.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 2.—An Austro-German offensive against Saloniki, is imminent, according to advices from a German source to the exchange telegraph's Athens correspondent who says that the "Gieygel-Strumitza" railway has been repaired and Field Marshal Von Mackenzen is now at Monastir. A portion of the Montenegrin army, the correspondent adds, has effected a junction with the Serbian troops and fallen back on Durazzo.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS CLOSED YESTERDAY

Estimates will be Brought Down To-day. Government Resolution Providing Extension of Parliament will be Presented Shortly.

(From our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—The address in reply to the speech from the Throne was adopted this afternoon after a debate which occupied two weeks and a half. Although the end was known to be near, it was thought that the conclusion would not be reached till tomorrow or Friday. The early part of the afternoon was taken up with a discussion of the propriety of the Government's action in collecting from Western homesteaders rebates contracted by them to the Government under the advances made for the purchase of seed grain.

CLOSE CALL FOR TWO FISHERMEN

Adrift 30 Hours in Open Boat Without Food or Water, Rescued by Passing Steamer and Taken to St. John.

(Special to the Guardian.) ST. JOHN, Feb. 2.—The steamship Inishowenhead arrived in port from Belfast, Ireland, and had on board Henry Bucher and John Forrest, two Gloucester, Mass., fishermen who had been lost from the schooner Elsie. The schooner was blowing off the western end of Brownsbank, about seventy miles from Shelburn, N.S., and thirty miles from Cape Sable. On Monday morning last at eight o'clock these two men left the schooner in a dory to attend to their trawls. An hour later, during the night, the dory was parted, for set in very thick, and their dory being to leeward of the schooner, the unfortunate fishermen were driven far out into the Atlantic. Owing to wind and heavy sea they were unable to reach the vessel and were given up by their comrades as lost. Making forty fathom wire fast to a drag tub the fishermen used it as a trawl for the purpose of keeping the dory's head to the seas. The ebb tide setting against the wind caused a very dangerous sea. Time after time the dory was tossed clear from being run down. The men called for help that their throats became sore, and there was nothing left for them to do but await some craft that might pass. The midwinter weather chilled the men to the bone, and in addition to this they were over and soaked the men to the skin. They took hourly watches, one being on watch while his companion rested in the bottom of the wet boat. There was not an ounce of food or a drop of drinking water in the boat and to keep off the pangs of hunger the men chewed tobacco. On Tuesday at eleven in the morning, or thirty hours after they broke clear of the trawls, they heard the sound of a steamer's horn, and as the big ship loomed up out of the fog only about fifty yards, the fishermen had only time to row clear from being run down. They were called for help as the big liner was passing close by. Their cries were heard by the lookout, and the steamer was stopped. Owing to the heavy sea it took nearly an hour before they could be rescued. On board the

STEAMER APPAM HELD BY U.S. GOVT.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 2.—Belief prevails in official circles in Washington that the State Department will declare the British steamer Appam a German prize. Pending a formal decision, however, the captured steamer will be held by the American authorities with the prize crew, captain and crew of the liner and certain passengers.

TWO HORSES PERISH IN AMHERST FIRE

Barn Burned with all its Contents (Special to the Guardian.) AMHERST, Feb. 2.—Early this afternoon fire destroyed a barn on Crescent Avenue, together with fifty bushels oats, a quantity of hay, harness, etc., and two valuable horses, one belonging to Embree and Tremblay, coal dealers, the other to Geo. Harry, a teamster in their employ. The loss of contents is only partially covered by insurance. The barn belonged to Dr. Ross Miller, who is now somewhere in France, and it is understood fairly well insured. The origin of the fire is unknown. It had made considerable headway when discovered.

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THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

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ANOTHER CROWDED HOUSE GREETED HARKINS PLAYERS

The great moral play, "The Blindness of Virtue," which has been extraordinarily successful throughout the United States and Canada, proved an irresistible attraction last evening, when the Prince Edward Theatre was crowded to the doors. From early morning the best seats in the house had been reserved, and soon after the doors were opened every available "rush" seat was taken. "The Blindness of Virtue" has its strength, not in the plot, of which there is hardly any, but in the splendid moral lesson which it imparts. It touches some of the vital problems of life and emphasizes in a forceful and impressive manner the great danger lurking beneath ignorance which is fostered by motives of false modesty—as the author claims. It also serves to distinguish between ignorance and inno-

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COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges twenty-five cents. *Reserve Wednesday night Feb. 16, for the Basket Social at Union Road Hall. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross Work. 7132-2-3M11. A Basket Social will be held in Harrington Hall on Monday Feb. 14th. Admission 15c. Children 10c. Ladies with baskets free. Proceeds in aid of Hall. *NOTICE The Hartsville Cemetery Committee are requested to meet at Hartsville Hall Monday evening 5 o'clock. All are requested to attend. J. A. McKenzie, Secretary. 7134-2-2M21. *The West Kent Boy Scouts have arranged for a sale of home made candy in the Prince Edward Theatre on Tuesday, 8th inst. the proceeds to be applied towards the payment of the piano recently placed in the school. It is hoped that parents especially and citizens generally will do their utmost to make this sale a success. Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia. Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism.

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