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GEN. SIR SAM HUGHES ADDRESSES COMMONS

His Speech Brings Cold Comfort to Liberals who had Hoped for Condemnation of the Government. Pays Tribute to Canadian Soldiers and Suggests Bringing Militia Act into Operation. Finance Minister Replies to Charges Made by Sir Sam.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—Before a crowded house and galleries Sir Sam Hughes, ex-Minister of Militia, today delivered a speech which brought cold cheer to the hearts of Liberal members who have been waiting for the former war lord to do what their opposition has not been able to do, namely, damage the record of the present administration beyond repair.

General Hughes minced no words and where he differed from the policy favored by Sir Robert Borden and the rest of his colleagues he said so, but he declared equally emphatically that Liberalism was an impossibility for him. He favored the putting in force of the Militia Act under which 300,000 Canadians could be called out and trained.

Overseas volunteers could then be called for and if enough did not come forward these forces could be sent over as Militia. Sir Sam made several references to opposition he had met from Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, and this led the Finance Minister to reply.

Sir Sam said he found himself in a peculiar position. During the past few days he had received a considerable number of letters offering him advice. One writer urged him to "go slow and give no ammunition to the Grits;" another said, "the Tory gang have stated you, give them something hot." Sir Sam said he was a believer in responsible government, which meant party government.

Sir Sam said he had been unofficially invited to cast his lot with the Liberal party.

"In all love and kindness," he proceeded, "let me say the idea shocked me. To assist in placing a statesman of even Sir Wilfrid Laurier's high character in power with the principles enunciated by his authorized supporter in Dorchester, and have Canada depend on his ideals for the conduct and the settlement of the war, would be repugnant to my very soul. Whatever my course today may be and whatever the effect to me may be, rest assured my aim, my purpose, my determination have but one conclusion the active, energetic conduct of the war to a victorious conclusion."

General Hughes then referred to the alleged dissensions in the Cabinet. "They had never fought like blazes," he said. "The Finance Minister had on occasion objected to the manner in which Sir Sam and other Ministers were spending money. 'I told him his proper function was not to meddle but to raise revenue and keep the country buoyant and prosperous,'" said Sir Sam, "later on I showed him how it could be done."

Turning to the matter of military purchase, Sir Sam challenged the world to produce a record of good buying, with one exception, as the purchase of supplies for the First Contingent. The solitary exception had been the purchase of trucks and bicycles by Mr. T. A. Russell, who had been recommended by Sir Thomas White as an old business associate.

Sir Sam then went on to speak of the status of the Canadian forces and quote various authorities to prove that the Dominion had power to call out 300,000 men if it was deemed such a number would be necessary and send them overseas in an emergency.

Sir Sam then read a letter which he addressed to Sir Robert on May 13, 1915, protesting against the interference of the so-called sub-committee of the Cabinet with the purchase of military supplies.

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GROUND NOW FROZEN ON WESTERN FRONT

Clear, Cold Weather Enjoyed by Soldiers as Preferable to Mud. German Prisoners Driven in Old London Busses to the Pens.

(Special to the Guardian.) BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Jan. 30.—(Via London.)—The bitter cold continues along the entire western front, the ground now being frozen to a depth of several inches. 23 degrees of frost, Fahrenheit, nine degrees above zero, was registered by some of the army thermometers Sunday night, the coldest weather this section of France has known in several years. The cold is accompanied by clear days and starlight nights and the booming of heavy guns is heard on nearly every sector of the British lines. Despite the low temperature, especially in the upper air, aeroplanes are exceedingly active in co-operating with artillery. This activity entails much fighting at altitudes where the mercury registers far below zero. One British aviator descended after a vic-

torious duel in the air with the instruments of his airplane frozen and he was so numb that he had to be helped from his machine. Nevertheless he was supremely happy. The men in the trenches are resisting the cold wonderfully well. Many of them frankly say they much prefer ice and frost to the water and mud of the milder weather. Everything possible is being done for the comfort of the men. Warm food and warm drinks are served to them every few hours. A diverting incident of the recent operations on the Somme, in which more than 340 men were made prisoners, was the fact that the British troops in anticipation of complete success had brought up a large number of old London motor busses in which they gave the Germans a free ride back to the pens.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH BURNED TO THE GROUND

One of the Finest Church Edifices in the Province Built at a Cost of \$25,000 and Recently Remodelled, Completely Destroyed with all its Contents, also the Parochial Hall Adjoining.

The beautiful Church of St. Columba at East Point, one of the finest edifices in the Province is today nothing but a heap of smouldering ruins. Fire broke out about 8 o'clock last evening in the church, starting—it is believed—from a stove in the vestry. The church is a wooden structure and the flames having got a considerable start before the fire was discovered spread life fury among the dry timbers. At 8.30 the flames rose in an immense column heavenward lighting up the country for many miles around making an awe-inspiring spectacle, which could be distinctly seen from Souris. Not only was the Church and everything that it contained destroyed, but

the parochial hall adjoining as well. It is understood that the church cost in the vicinity of \$25,000. It was remodelled last year, being practically a new church. The new steeple alone cost over twelve hundred dollars and there were numerous beautiful paintings on the walls of considerable value and costly church ornaments. The pastor, Rev. Bernard Gillis and his parishioners will have the sympathy of many friends throughout the Province in the heavy blow which has fallen upon them. It is understood that there was a considerable amount still due on the building. Fortunately the loss is to some degree at least covered by insurance.

AUSTRIAN DESTROYER OUT OF ACTION BY ITALIANS

(Special to the Guardian.) ROME, via Paris, Jan. 30.—The Austrian destroyer Huszar, was put out of action in a naval engagement in the Adriatic Sea a few days ago, according to the Tribunal. The paper says that two Italian destroyers engaged an Austrian flotilla and that the Huszar was hit several times and set on fire. She was towed into a neighboring port by torpedo boats. The Italians suffered no loss. The report says the engagement was fought out in the midst of a tempest.

Minard's Liniment cures Distemper.

TWO TO THREE HUNDRED AMERICAN PRISONERS ON YARROWDALE

(Special to the Guardian.) COPENHAGEN, via London, Jan. 30.—The Ekstrabladet quotes a Swedish seaman as saying that the crews from armed ships sunk by a German raider in the south Atlantic, held as war prisoners in Germany, include between two and three hundred Americans, four Swedes, three Dutchmen and one Dane. He says the steamer Yarrowdale did not sight a single British vessel throughout her entire voyage. The vessel had all lanterns lighted at night from Cape Lindasnes, off the south coast of Norway, until she reached Skagen on the north coast of Denmark. She arrived at Swinemunde December 31. The men were taken to a prison camp at Nubstrelitz where they were given little food except kohlrabi and a small allowance of bread. Before leaving Germany, according to the Ekstrabladet, twenty-six men were released, but were compelled to sign an undertaking to make no claim against Germany.

20,000 BARRELS POTATOES BURNED

(Special to the Guardian.) HOULTON, Jan. 30.—Twenty thousand barrels of potatoes awaiting shipment in the railroad storehouse near here were destroyed by fire today. The owners estimated the loss at one hundred thousand dollars.

SUFFRAGETTES WANTED TO INTERVIEW LLOYD GEORGE

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 30.—A delegation of suffragettes camped out on the doorstep of Premier Lloyd-George's official residence in Downing Street this morning declaring they would remain there until they received the Premier's reply to a request that he receive a delegation. As the weather grew colder and windier they accepted an invitation extended by the Premier's Secretary to wait inside the house.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

TWO CENTS per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany order. *Reserve Monday night, February 5th for the concert and social in North River Hall. Admission 15 cents. Ladies with baskets free. 4232-1-31M2f. **North Wiltshire Young People's Social and Educational Society will present that humorous and popular play, "Willowdale," in the hall, on Friday, February 2nd. Specialties and sale of candy between acts. Doors open at 7.30 p. m. Curtain rises at 8 o'clock sharp. Admission 25 cents. Proceeds in aid of the Red Cross. Should night prove stormy play will be held following Monday. 4222-1-30M3f

CANADIAN AVIATOR KILLED IN TEXAS

(Special to the Guardian.) SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 30.—David E. McQueen aged 24 was killed late yesterday while making a flight at a school of aviation here. The dead man is a son of Major G. McQueen in the Canadian Records Office, London, and was training to join an Aviation Corps of the Canadian Army in France.

30 TONS MERCHANDISE THROWN OVERBOARD

(Special to the Guardian.) NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Thirty tons of merchandise consisting of Holland gin and Dutch cheese part of a 300 tons cargo on the Dutch steamship Vulcanus, were thrown into the sea by order of a German submarine commander when the ship was held up by a U-boat on Dec. 27, 24 miles off Start Point Light on the English coast, according to officers of the vessel on arrival here today.

FOOD SCARCITY IN GERMANY

(Special to the Guardian.) AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—Adolphe Battocci, President of the Food Regulation Board, clearly indicated in a recent speech that the German supply for spring was very scanty and would likely require most careful distribution and economical use.

PORTUGUESE STEAMER SUNK

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 30.—The Portuguese steamer Fome do Douro of 1,275 tons is reported sunk.

THREE CANADIANS SEATED FOR HONOURS

(Special to the Guardian.) MONTREAL, Jan. 30.—It is generally believed that J. W. Flavelle, Chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, C. B. Gordon, Montreal, Vice-Chairman and Hon. A. E. Kemp, Minister of Militia will be included in the list of New Year's honours to be given out shortly in London. Expected that all three will be given knighthoods if not even higher honours.

HALF MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN HARTFORD

(Special to the Guardian.) HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 30.—Two large stores in the dry goods district, Fox & Company, and Woolworth's Five and Ten Cent store, were destroyed early today by a fire which threatened at one time to sweep through the business centre of the city. Early estimates by the proprietors of the stores placed the total loss at over a half a million.

ASSIZES OPEN IN WINNIPEG

(Special to the Guardian.) WINNIPEG, Jan. 30.—The Assizes open here at noon. The case of the Ex-Cabinet Ministers is due but will probably be postponed owing to the illness of Sir Rodmond Roblin.

TWO NORWEGIAN VESSELS SUNK

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 30.—Lloyds announce that the Norwegian steamer Argo, 1,261 tons, was blown up and nine of her crew lost. The Norwegian steamer Futon, 1,030, was also sunk.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 31 degrees above. At 11 a. m. it was 19 above; at 9 p. m. 11 above; the coldest the previous night was 3 below. The tide will be high this afternoon at 4.50 and tomorrow at 5.41; it will be high tomorrow morning at 6.32 and Friday at 7.40. The sun sets this afternoon at 5.24 and tomorrow at 5.25; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.39 and Friday at 7.37. The moon sets tomorrow morning at 3.52. The first quarter of the moon was on Monday, January 29, at 8.02 p. m. The moon sets tomorrow morning at February 6th at 10.28 p. m. The length of today will be nine hours and forty-six minutes.

P.E.I. MEMBERS' DAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. Donald Nicholson Makes Rattling Speech, Refers to Canada's Growing Trade, the Island's Prosperity, Loyalty of Island French Canadians—Following the Perennial Blue Ruin Tirade of Mr. J. J. Hughes.

(Special to the Guardian.) OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—Prince Edward Island speakers had the floor in Parliament today. Mr. Donald Nicholson, who does not often take up the time of the House but when he does always speaks with effect, made his contribution to the debate on the address this evening. He followed Mr. J. J. Hughes, who delivered his usual monologue on the sins of the present administration in a set speech in which Mr. Hughes seldom seems to see the need of any change from year to year.

Some amusement was caused when Mr. Hughes was interrupted by loud cheers from Mr. E. L. Patenaude and other victorious Conservatives from Dorchester, who entered the Chamber. Mr. Hughes asserted that the Government from the very moment of its existence down to the present has never realized its responsibilities, but had instead been consolidating and aggrandizing itself and enriching its personal friends. He referred to the Borden-Hughes correspondence as disclosing a state of affairs more serious than the country had ever suspected and stated there would have to be an investigation before Parliamentary extension was granted. He then attacked the Government on the ground that it had allowed the Laurier navy to fall into disuse and stated that the recruiting now in progress all over Canada for the British navy showed that the Dominion would have been able to raise the men needed for Canadian warships.

P. E. ISLAND'S PROSPEROUS YEAR MR. DONALD NICHOLSON pointed out that war conditions had brought prosperity to Prince Edward Island. The Island had produced field products last year to a total value of \$13,000,000, and fisheries \$1,000,000; and all this with a population of scarcely 100,000. Mr. Nicholson concluded by referring to the high cost of living situation, pointing out that in view of the fact that a war involving the greater part of the civilized world was in progress it was marvelous that prices were as low as they were. When the Prince Edward Island member took his seat it was amid applause and the congratulations of his friends.

PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION

Mr. Nicholson spoke of the progress-

sive legislation adopted by the present Government during the years of its administration, and went on to deal with the Finance Minister's masterly handling of the country's business. He had succeeded in financing Canadian requirements, at the same time keeping out of the British market, which was thus left available for the Allies. His war loans had all been immediately successful, being over-subscribed.

INCREASE IN CANADIAN TRADE

Canadian trade had increased by leaps and bounds, and for the fiscal year so far was far ahead of last year's total, well over the billion dollar mark, and on the way to two billions. Mr. Nicholson then referred to Prince Edward Island's recruiting efforts. He pointed out that it had raised two splendid siege batteries, one of which had already done great work at the front, and also a magnificent regiment of 1,200 men.

TRIBUTE TO P. E. I. FRENCH-CANADIANS

"I have heard much in this House of what the French-Canadians have and have not done," said Mr. Nicholson. "I have heard much of the name of Arsenault. Well, I may say that there are no less than fifty Arsenaults in our regiment alone, and that altogether there is a very good proportion of the total French-Canadian population of Prince Edward Island among our recruits. It shows what they are capable of under good political influence." (Applause.)

RUSSIAN VICTORY WAS UNDERESTIMATED

The Bag Comprised 1,158 German Prisoners, 12 Machine Guns and 4 Mortars.

(Special to the Guardian.) PETROGRAD, Jan. 30.—An increase in the number of prisoners taken by the Russians in last Saturday's battle in the Jacoben region on the northern end of the Rumanian front is announced by the War Office today.

Twelve machine guns and four trench mortars were captured in addition to a total of 1,158 officers and men from the Austro-German forces. No important military operations on any of the fronts are reported in the state-

BRITISH STEAMER EXCHANGED SHOTS WITH SUBMARINE

PERNAMBUCO, Jan. 30.—Passengers on the British steamer Amazon, which has arrived here from Europe, report that the ship was attacked by a submarine in the neighborhood of Vigo, Spain. The submarine fired a torpedo which passed close under the ship's bow. Several shots were fired at the submarine by the Amazon and a French steamer which was in the neighborhood. The submarine disappeared and it was not learned whether she was hit or not.

BRITISH NOW HOLD FRONT OF KUT

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 30.—A brief communication issued last evening concerning the fighting on the Irak front in Asiatic Turkey says: "As a result of operations Saturday night and Sunday we are now in complete possession of the Turkish first and second lines southwest of Kut-el-Amara on the right bank of the Tigris on a front of four thousand yards. We also hold the enemy's third and fourth lines on a frontage of six hundred yards. Turkish dead to the number of 950 have already been counted and collected. More remain to be counted. Prisoners aggregating 127 were taken together with one gun one Maxim, three trench mortars and a quantity of other material."

\$40,000 FIRE IN DANVILLE, QUE.

(Special to the Guardian.) DANVILLE, Que., Jan. 30.—Damage to the extent of about \$40,000 was done by fire here last evening. The factory and store rooms of the Danville Chair and Specialty Co., were completely destroyed and other sufferers were the Danville Manufacturing Company G. McCraik Flour and Feed warehouses, and a dwelling belonging to A. Chagnon. About \$75,000 insurance was carried. Loss of the Chair factory is a serious one to the town as they have a large payroll and orders for six months ahead.

EMPEROR NICHOLAS TO RECEIVE DELEGATES

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 30.—Emperor Nicholas tomorrow will receive delegates to a conference of representatives of the Allied Powers which opens in Petrograd on Thursday under the presidency of M. Pokrovsky, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Russian representatives at the conference will include the Minister of Finance and Communications and Sergius Sazonoff, the newly appointed Russian ambassador to Great Britain.