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IMPORTANT STATEMENT BY PREMIER LLOYD-GEORGE

Satisfied the House of Commons That Sir William Robertson Chief of Staff had to be Removed---Versailles War Council Must be Supreme Over all Military Commanders--The Country is Faced with Terrible Realities.

London, Feb. 19. — In the House of Commons Premier Lloyd-George made his eagerly awaited statement regarding the recent army changes. He said the government was anxious to retain the services of General Sir William Robertson as chief of staff so long as it was compatible upon the policy decided upon in common with Great Britain's allies.

The premier said the policy of the government was based upon the assumption that the Allies had suffered in the past through lack of concerted and co-ordinated efforts. It had been decided to set up a central authority to co-ordinate the strategy of the Allies.

The general principles laid down at the recent session in Versailles of the supreme war council were agreed to by all, the premier told the house. It was also agreed that there should be an inter-allied authority with executive power. The only difference which arose was as to its execution.

The first proposal at Versailles, he continued, was that the central authority should consist of a council of chiefs of staff, but this was abandoned inasmuch as it was regarded as unworkable.

Mr. Lloyd-George said it was essential that decisions should be taken instantly at Versailles. Meeting separately the delegates of the respective allies, he explained, considered their own plan, which in each case was identical. This plan was passed without a dissenting vote and accepted by all the military representatives, the premier stated.

Being under the impression that all the difficulties had been overcome, continued the premier, the government offered General Robertson a position on the Versailles council, but he was unwilling to acquiesce in the system, objecting to it on military grounds. General Robertson, continued the premier, then refused the post of chief of staff with powers adapted to the position set up at Versailles.

If the house repudiated the policy for which he was responsible in which he believed the safety of the country depended, Mr. Lloyd-George declared, he would quit office. His one regret would be that he had not greater strength and ability to place at the disposal of his country in its gravest hour.

The British commander, Field Marshal Haig, was present at the session

of supreme war council, Mr. Lloyd-George went on. He drew attention to two weak points in the proposal which were thereupon adjusted by the conference. General Robertson was present when the decision was reported to the war cabinet and did not object.

It was agreed, Mr. Lloyd-George said, that the permanent military adviser at Versailles should be a member of the army council. It was part of this arrangement that the chief of the imperial staff was to remain the supreme military adviser to the government.

Asks for United House.

Mr. Lloyd-George said the country was faced with terrible realities. He begged the house to have done with all controversy, adding that the government was entitled to know tonight whether the house and the country wished it to proceed with the policy deliberately arrived at.

The premier asserted that the conclusions reached at Versailles were the result of very powerful representations by the delegates of other governments, notably the American government.

General Robertson, said the premier, suggested modification of the proposal by making the representative at Versailles a deputy of the chief of staff. The government felt bound to reject this suggestion, as it involved putting a subordinate in a position of the first magnitude, which might impose upon him the necessity of taking vital decisions under instructions given him before the full facts were known. The premier announced that General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson had been appointed to represent Great Britain on the supreme war council at Versailles.

"I hesitated for some time," said the premier in referring to the American representations, "whether I should not read in the house of commons the very cogent document submitted by the American delegation, which put the case for the present proposal. It is one of the ablest documents ever submitted to a military conference. The only reason why I do not read it to the house is that it is mixed up with the plan of operations."

Anyone who examines closely the events of 1916 and 1917, said the premier, would find plenty of argument for some change in the machinery in order to effect a greater concentration than had hitherto been achieved in the direction of the allied resources. That was why after the Italian defeat the Allied governments had decided that it was necessary to set up some central body to co-ordinate the strategy of the Allies. At the last conference at Versailles, it was decided to extend the powers of that body. The premier explained that he was hampered in discussing the action taken at Versailles by a resolution passed at that conference by the military representatives and the governments that it was not desirable to give any information regarding the general plan arrived at.

Mr. Lloyd-George thought, however, that he could make clear where the controversy had arisen and asked for the judgment of the house on the action of the government.

"The general principle laid down at Versailles was agreed to wholeheartedly by everybody," he said. "There was no conflict as regarded the policy but only as to the method of giving effect to it. There was agreement as to the policy; there was agreement that there must be central authority to exercise supreme direction of that policy; there was agreement that authority must be inter-allied authority and there was complete agreement that the authorities should have executive power. The only question that arose was as to how the central authority should be constituted. That was the only difference."

SOCIETY NEWS.

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