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## SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON HAS RESIGNED HIS POST

Officially Announced That the Chief of the British Staff has Quit---Is Succeeded by General Wilson, the Sub-chief---Robertson Declines to Become British Military Representative in the Supreme War Council---Premier to Make a Statement in House.

London, Feb. 16. — That General Sir William Robertson, chief of the British Imperial staff, has resigned, was officially announced this evening. General Wilson, sub-chief of staff, takes the vacated place.

The official announcement in connection with the resignation of Sir William Robertson, chief of the British Imperial staff, says:

"The extension of the functions of the permanent military representative decided on by the supreme war council at their last meeting at Versailles has necessitated the limitation of the special powers hitherto exercised by the chief of the imperial general staff by virtue of the order-in-council of January 17, 1916.

"In these circumstances the government thought it right to offer General Sir William Robertson the choice of becoming the British military representative on the supreme war council at Versailles or continuing as chief of the imperial general staff under new conditions.

"General Sir William Robertson, for reasons which will be explained in a statement which will be made by the prime minister in the house of commons as early as possible in the coming week, did not see his way to accept either position, and the government has with much regret accepted his resignation.

"General Sir Henry Wilson has accepted the position of chief of the imperial general staff. The appointment of the British permanent representative at Versailles will be announced in a few days."

The inference to be drawn from the British official statement regarding General Robertson's resignation seems clearly to be that the supreme war council has been given powers which its name implies and that it will be in fact the directing head of all the Allied military operations.

There have been many rumors recently that General Robertson was to retire as chief of staff and be replaced by Major-General Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, the sub-chief of staff and British military representative of the supreme war council. The suggestion was, however, that should this change

be made General Robertson would exchange places with General Wilson and become the British military member of the Versailles council.

Did Not Resign.

London, Feb. 17. — The weekly newspaper National News, says it has been informed by General Sir William Robertson, whose resignation as chief of the British Imperial staff was officially announced last night, that he has not resigned.

General Robertson, interviewed by a representative of the Sunday Times at his residence last night, said: "I have not resigned. The only statement that I have to make is that it is quite true that I will not accept either position," referring to the posts of chief of the imperial general staff and British representative of the supreme war council of Versailles.

Generals Revolt.

The political correspondent of the Sunday Times says:

"General Robertson considers he has been dismissed. I hear that before the succession (on the imperial general staff) was given to General Sir Henry Wilson, it was offered to and declined by General Sir Herbert Plumer (commander of the British forces in Italy), and it is anticipated that other members of the military hierarchy will follow General Robertson into retirement.

"The generals have, in fact, revolted against the cabinet and the gravity of their action can hardly be overestimated. The weakness of the soldiers' position is that they cannot agree among themselves. It is not anticipated that the defection of the generals will wreck the government as, apart from a comparatively small section of militarists, there is no great sympathy with the attitude of the soldiers."

The correspondent adds that the Earl of Derby may resign as secretary of state for war.

### "DAMAGED GOODS" ENDORSED BY DR. KIERSTEAD

Mr. A. L. Gaudet, manager of the Gem Theatre in this city, has received the following letter from Dr. W. C. Kierstead of this city.

I saw "Damaged Goods" when it was exhibited at the Lyric Theatre in St. John a few days ago. I went rather prejudiced against it, partly on account of its title and partly because I am suspicious of most plays dealing with problems of sex; but the suggestive features, so often present in plays of this character are fortunately absent in this one and it is an earnest and serious treatment of a very grave social evil. I think its exhibition in this city will do good and not evil, and on this account I commend it. Its influence is undoubtedly for the purity of the home and of social life.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. KIERSTEAD.

The great motion picture sensation "Damaged Goods" will be shown at the Gem Theatre this evening.

### NO FAVORS FOR THE SON OF A MILLIONAIRE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Feb. 18.—In the process of looking up deserters under the Military Service Act here Saturday night, when the Dominion police paid unexpected visits to the Central Y. M. C. A., Montreal athletic clubs, Victoria Rink and the Forum, the son of a citizen in the millionaire class was taken in charge.

The young man was sent to the Guy street barracks, as he had no exemption papers in his pockets, and shortly afterward his father appeared at the Dominion police headquarters and demanded his son's release at once.

He was informed that proof of the boy's right to exemption would have to be forthcoming, otherwise the boy would be put into khaki.

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