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THE ALLIES REPULSE FIERCE ATTACKS BY THE GERMANS; THE AMERICAN STEAMSHIP NEBRASKA TORPEDOED

COALITION CABINET APPROVED BY KING

Lord Kitchener Retains the Post of Secretary of War--Arthur J. Balfour Becomes First Lord of Admiralty--Lloyd George is Minister of Munitions--Sir Edward Carson Attorney General--John Redmond Declines a Portfolio.

London, May 25--Lord Kitchener retains the post of secretary of war in the coalition cabinet, which has received the approval of King George. The new first lord of the admiralty will be Arthur J. Balfour, Winston Spencer Churchill, former head of the admiralty, is given the portfolio of chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Herbert H. Asquith retains the premiership, and Sir Edward Grey the ministry of foreign affairs.

David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer in the old cabinet, will be minister of munitions in the new one. The constitution of the new cabinet follows:

Prime minister and first lord of the treasury--Mr. Asquith.

Minister without portfolio--Lord Lansdowne.

Lord high chancellor--Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster.

Lord President of the council--Lord Crewe.

Lord of the privy seal--Lord Curzon of Kedleston.

Chancellor of the exchequer--Reginald McKenna.

Secretary of state for home affairs--Sir John A. Simon.

Secretary of the state for foreign affairs--Sir Edward Grey.

Secretary for the colonies--A. Bonar Law.

Secretary for India--J. Austen Chamberlain.

Secretary of state for war--Lord Kitchener.

Minister of munitions--David Lloyd George.

First lord of the admiralty--Arthur J. Balfour.

President of the Board of Trade--Walter Runciman.

President of the local government board--Walter Hume Long.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster--Winston Spencer Churchill.

Chief secretary for Ireland--Augustine Birrell.

Secretary for Scotland--Thomas McKinnon Wood.

President of the Board of agriculture--Lord Selborne.

First commissioner of works--Lewis Harcourt.

President of the board of education--Arthur Henderson.

Attorney-general--Sir Edward Carson.

REDMOND DECLINES

The official announcement on the new cabinet says:

"A place in the cabinet was offered to John Redmond (The Irish Nationalist leader), but he did not see his way to accept it.

"The Prime minister has decided that a new department shall be created, to be called the ministry of munitions, charged with organizing the supply of munitions of war. Mr. Lloyd George has undertaken the formation and temporary direction of this department, and during his tenure of office as minister of munitions will vacate the office of chancellor of the exchequer.

"It is understood that Mr. Henderson will assist the government in matters relating to labor questions, especially those arising out of the war.

"The king has been pleased to confer upon Viscount Haldane of Cloan (the retiring lord high chancellor) the Order of Merit."

"The British public will not know the composition of the new cabinet until they read the newspapers to-morrow morning. The announcement was given to the press tonight with

the stipulation that it should not be made public until the morning papers were issued.

The cabinet is composed of twelve Liberals, eight Conservatives, one Laborite, Arthur Henderson, and one non-partisan, Earl Kitchener. Thirteen members of the old cabinet remain in office. Of these Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Earl Kitchener, Mr. Runciman, Mr. Birrell and Mr. Wood retain their old portfolios.

"The promotion of Sir Stanley Buckmaster, whose greatest activities during the war have had to do with the management of the official press bureau, to the high honor of lord chancellor, and the acceptance by Winston Spencer Churchill, formerly head of the admiralty, of the merely nominal duties of the Duchy of Lancaster, are two distinct surprises.

"The most prominent figure who retires from public life is Viscount Haldane. His affiliations with Germany, and the continued newspaper attacks based on these, made his retirement as inevitable as Prince Louis of Battenberg's retirement some time ago from the admiralty, for the same reason. Viscount Haldane received an expression of the government's confidence by the bestowal of the Order of Merit upon him.

"The retention of Lord Kitchener as head of the army, while David Lloyd George, with the newly created portfolio of the ministry of munitions, relieves him of the responsibility of managing the supply department, and also A. J. Balfour's acceptance of the admiralty post, were fully expected.

IN ADVISORY CAPACITY

"The Marquis of Lansdowne whose health forbids hard work becomes a member of the cabinet without duties, except participating in its councils, and Mr. Churchill's position is virtually the same. His willingness to accept a subordinate position and work for the success of the new government is likely to make him popular with the country and aid his future political career.

"Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Henderson will be especially charged with the task of rallying the workmen to the government's support and much is expected of the former chancellor in organizing the country's industries.

"Sir Edward Carson represents the Ulster faction of Ireland, and there is regret that Mr. Redmond declined to enter the cabinet and make the representation embrace all political parties.

"The cabinet undoubtedly includes the strongest men in public life; whether they will prove correspondingly strong as a working body is a question, the answer to which the country will anxiously await.

IRISH BEHIND REDMOND

Dublin, May 25--The Irish party, at a meeting today, unanimously adopted a resolution approving John Redmond's action in declining a seat in the new cabinet. The party issued a statement declaring that "the events of last week have created a situation demanding the serious and careful consideration of the Irish people."

Reciting Premier Asquith's assur-

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PLOT AFOOT TO FORCE FLEMMING OUT OF CONTEST?

Woodstock, N.B., May 25--There is a persistent report that J. K. Flemming will be forced to quit as the federal candidate for Carleton-Victoria. Considerable opposition has developed and curiously enough much of it comes from the B. F. Smith camp, where they are circulating the report that it is utterly impossible to elect the ex-premier and, as a striking vindication of clean politics, Smith wants to enter the contest as the Tory candidate.

Smith arrived here yesterday after an interview with the Tory leaders in St. John and Fredericton. It is announced that Premier Borden will not be connected with the Flemming nomination, as he publicly denounced Foster and Garland for their connection with charges not so serious as brought out at the royal commission.

Flemming still has friends who are standing by him, including E. R. Teed, his timber land treasurer. Some are saying that Smith is not a paragon of virtue and the revelations of the Tobique Indian reserve and the patriotic potato gift with which he has been connected, make him an impossible candidate and the proposal is grotesque.

The shameful political farce is on and every effort will be made to oust the ex-premier. Announcement of his retirement may be made very soon if the Smith faction can win out. It looks like a studied and deliberate attempt to add to Flemming's humiliation, whatever way it goes.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wry of St. John, are visiting friends in the city.

Miss Irene McCoombs of Nelson, has accepted a position as stenographer in the public works department.

Harry Culligan of Campbellton, I.R.C. detective, is in the city.

Hon. George J. Clarke of St. Stephen, is a guest at the Barker House.

George J. McQuarrie of Hamilton, is at the Barker House.

B. B. Black of Amherst, is at the Barker House.

E. A. Wilkinson of Toronto, is a guest at the Queen.

G. F. Barrett of Hartland, is at the Queen.

E. A. March of St. John, is at the Queen.

WAR ASSISTS PROGRESS, SAYS GOETHALS

Baltimore, May 22--Gen. George W. Goethals, the builder of the Panama canal, who has just received the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Johns Hopkins University was the principle speaker at the dedication of the Academic and Engineering buildings at Homewood. President Wilson, who is an alumnus of Hopkins, had made a conditional promise to deliver an address, but pressure of international affairs detained him at Washington.

Gen. Goethals in part, said:

"Notwithstanding its horrors, war assists in progress. Even though some industries are for the time being at a standstill, new ones are developed; inventive genius is aroused or stimulated for the benefit of the attack or defence, resulting in new applications utilized subsequently in peaceful pursuits, so that while the engineers' field of employment is already extensive there is every prospect for its further expansion."

ST. JOHN RIVER COMMISSION.

The International St. John River Commission is meeting in Van Buren, Me., with M. G. Teed, chairman, and John Keefe of St. John, in attendance. The commission may sit for several days and will take advantage of the meeting at this time of the year to visit the sorting boom to see how this important operation in river driving is conducted.

Rome, May 26--The Italian official statement says that the Italian troops have occupied all of the mountains between Idria and Isonza Rivers. Several valleys and towns have been occupied. Two Italian submarines attacked an Austrian ship at Pola yesterday doing considerable damage.

FIERCE ATTACKS WERE REPULSED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, May 26--An official statement reports fierce German attacks last night in the region of Angres and the Heights of Lorette but the Allies retained all their gains and took some additional trenches. In an aerial raid on the German lines, French airmen bombarded and wrecked a German station and fuel depot at St. Quentin.

IN THE WAR TO THE END

London, May 26--The announcement is made that Italy has given her adhesion to the agreement already signed by the Allied Powers not to conclude a separate peace. The signature of a formal document to this effect is imminent.

AMERICAN STEAMER TORPEDOED

(SPECIAL CABLE THE MAIL.)

London, May 26--The American steamer Nebraska was either torpedoed or struck a mine off the coast of Ireland this morning. She is reported to be returning to Liverpool with her crew on board. The extent of the damage is unknown.

ROUMANIA AND THE WAR

London, May 26--German diplomacy is exerting itself in every possible way to persuade Roumania to preserve neutrality, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Emperor William has invited Roumania to send a military mission to German headquarters, and Prince Charles Von Wedel is being sent to Bucharest on a confidential mission from the Emperor.

The German press publishes rumors of a new German loan to Roumania but this has not been confirmed.

ITALIANS MOVING FORWARD

London, May 26--Austria struck first with her navy and aircraft along Italy's east coast; Italy promptly countered by throwing a considerable body of troops across the northeastern frontier and occupying a stretch of Austrian territory along the River Isonzo. Thus, although Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, who has a reputation for forcing matters, is reported to be in command of the Austro-German troops along the new front, Italy in a sense, has forestalled him.

Rome officially announces that the Italians have occupied a number of comparatively important towns and have compelled the Austrians to retreat. This, in brief, summarizes the first 36 hours of the newest phase of the evening European conflict, which being new, appeals to the popular imagination, rather stated by the seemingly unending struggle in other war theatres.