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THE BUDGET DEBATE CONTINUED AT OTTAWA

Hon. Dr. Pugsley Hands Out Some Plain Truths to the Government—General Sam Hughes Says if He Goes to the Front He Will Retain His Portfolio—No Trouble Getting Recruits—Pro. Adam Shortt Criticized by Bob Rogers.

Ottawa, Feb. 25—If Major General Hughes goes into the trenches, the Canadian militia portfolio will go with him. This is his ultimatum to his critics and there is considerable consternation among the Conservative group, which yesterday were rejoicing in the belief that they had Sam Hughes beaten.

Apparently the minister is not going to make additional surrender, or a capitulation of any sort, and, although he wants to go to the front he declines to buy his way to the firing line with his portfolio.

The news of the lobby is that Major General Hughes is himself dictating the terms of his departure. The government, by a bill introduced last week, recognized the right of representatives at the front to retain their parliamentary standing while on active service. The legislation will shortly become law. While the bill applies only to members of the House and the Senate, the principle upon which it is based appears broad enough to cover members of the cabinet and General Hughes, according to report, insists upon this application in his case.

Therefore the minister of militia holds that if he is granted his wish to go upon active service that he should be allowed to go as minister of militia and that in his absence from the country the department should be administered by Sir Robert Borden himself.

There is a general belief that the situation will be solved either with this arrangement or through an exchange of letters between the prime minister and General Hughes, which will make it clear that during his absence the portfolio of militia will not be transferred to a person unfriendly to General Hughes and upon the return of General Hughes to Canada, if spared by German bullets, the department will be restored to him.

NO TROUBLE GETTING RECRUITS

Ottawa, Feb. 25—Canada can supply Lord Kitchener with three more contingents within three weeks, if found necessary to do so. Such was the assurance given to parliament this afternoon by the minister of militia, in response to an enquiry by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as to recruiting. The Liberal leader and Hon. Mr. Graham thought the paramount duty of the moment to be the supplementing of a national patriotism by national contribution of men and supplies.

General Hughes was the bearer of glad tidings, which set the whole House to cheering. Recruiting, he said, was most satisfactory. Some 650 men for a cavalry force had been secured within six hours and Eastern Ontario alone had, within twenty-four hours, furnished far more than her quota. From Edmonton to Cape Breton new recruits could be raised within twenty-four hours.

"I can supply three more contingents within two weeks if necessary," declared the minister.

Dealing with the questions raised by Hon. Mr. Graham in connection with the abandonment of certain Canadian wagons and harness, by the Canadian troops at Salisbury Plain, before they went to the front, the minister stated that this equipment had suffered from four months' hard usage in wretched weather conditions, and they had consequently been supplied with the best in the stores.

Regarding the report that the long Ross rifles were discarded by the cavalry, General Hughes said that he had sent a cable to Lord Kitchener on the 22nd inst., asking if it was the intention to discard the Ross arm, protesting against such a course and stating that a new form of rifle had been provided. He had received the following cable:

"There is no such intention."
—KITCHENER."

HUGHES NON-COMMITTAL.

Hon. Charles Macle asked if the report were true that General Hughes contemplated resigning and going in command of the troops to England.

"I hope the honorable gentleman

will not load me with all the rumors that are going," replied the minister. "I have it in my heart to go, but there are other duties to be looked after."

"Possibly," observed Hon. Dr. Pugsley, amid laughter on both sides of the House.

Hon. Charles Murphy called attention to the press quoting Sir George Perley as stating that the time had come for Canada to have a voice in questions of peace and war.

Mr. Murphy asked if this talk was made on authority of the government.

Hon. Robert Rogers, who was leading the House in the absence of the premier, said the government had taken no notice of the report referred to. The statement of the premier some days ago, said Mr. Rogers, still stood. In the premier's statement referred to, Sir Robert Borden told the House that he had never gone any further than Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reported utterance:

"If you want our aid, call us to your council."

In the final stages of the bill to provide for members of parliament who go to the front, Hon. Mr. Graham directed attention to its provisions. All were, he said, professedly anxious

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NO INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES AGAINST MARSHALL

"There is no investigation and there is no charge and there is not likely to be any," was the reply of Chairman Wm. McKay of the Police Commission this morning when asked concerning action threatened against Policeman Charles Marshall by James Craigie, whom he arrested Wednesday night on a capias issued by Police Magistrate Limerick.

The police magistrate stated this afternoon that no information for assault or any other offense had been laid against the policeman.

McLellan & Hughes, acting for Craigie, have been instructed to have a writ issued against Marshall for damages resulting from assault. They have written a letter to the policeman concerning the matter but have received no reply.

IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The young son of Walter Bailey having developed a case of diphtheria, was placed in the Isolation Hospital Wednesday night on the order of Health Officer McKay. His condition is reported serious.

LATE FORMAN FRANCIS.

Forman Francis, a well known colored resident of this city, passed away yesterday in the Municipal Home. Death was due to dropsy. One brother, Charles Francis, of Stoneham, Mass., and one sister, Mrs. William O'Ree of the same place, survive. The funeral took place at ten o'clock this morning. Rev. Mr. Greenwood conducting the service. Interment was made at the Rural cemetery.

HEAVY SENTENCES.

Mary Sacobie, an Indian woman, charged with being drunk on the St. Mary's Indian Reserve, was sentenced to three months in gaol by Police Magistrate Limerick. The woman claims to belong to the State of Maine and if she proves that such is the case she will be deported. Martin Paul, an Indian, charged with giving liquor to Mary Sacobie, and James Gallagher, white, charged with the same offense, were sentenced to thirty days in gaol or fines of twenty-five dollars each.

POLICE COMMISSION

A session of the Police Commission was to be held yesterday, but Judge Wilson was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman McKay stated this morning that no business was done and that there was no meeting.

Russians Achieve A Great Success

Rome, via London, Feb. 26—The Russian embassy announces that a great Russian success has been achieved south of the Vistula near Molinof the opposing German forces having been badly cut up.

GERMAN BLOCKADE RIDICULED

J. M. Robinson and Sons received the following over their private wire today from New York:—We believe that the strength of the market is due to the growing belief that German blockade is all piff. It cannot be maintained or made effective. Submarines are not built or intended for blocading purposes. They cannot operate to any extent without the assistance of surface vessels, which is impossible with the presence of a hostile fleet of destroyers. All that they have succeeded in doing so far is sneaking up and torpedoing some little slow freighters. A ship of ordinary speed has very little to fear from them.

FREQUENT ARTILLERY DUELS

London, Feb. 26—Rainy weather is interfering with the operations in Northern France according to General French's report to the war office. Artillery duels have been frequent.

WRECKAGE COMING ASHORE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Feb. 26—Despatch from Cardiff, Wales, says Wreckage is being washed ashore which indicates that a German submarine has been destroyed on coast of North Wales.

TORPEDO BOAT SUNK

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, Feb. 26—It was announced today that the French torpedo boat Dadue has been sunk near Antivari Montenegro by striking an Austrian Mine and 38 men perished.

WAITING FOR THE BIG LINERS.

London, Feb. 26—All Transatlantic liners have been ordered to remain in port until further notice. This action is due, it is said, to the naval authorities having information that a fleet of German submarines is lying in wait in the North Sea for big liners.

GERMANS SEIZE HATS OF WOMES.

Berlin, Feb. 26—A special despatch from Brussels says: "The latest craze in millinery, Belgian soldiers' caps, attained such great popularity that the German authorities have had to confiscate them from hundreds of women and to forbid their further use for time being. The soldiers wives and sweethearts had adopted the hats of cavalymen and carabineers which they tilted at a rakish angle, causing patriotic outbursts at every turn. The milliners were the only ones to grieve at the confiscation."

TURKS CLAIM A VICTORY.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Constantinople, February 26—The Turks claim to have defeated the Russians in the Caucasus north of Artwin. They say the Russians retreated.

MANY FORTS REDUCED

London, Feb. 26—All the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles have been reduced by the Allied fleets. This announcement was made officially tonight. The announcement of the Secretary of the Admiralty follows:

"The weather moderating, the bombardment of the outer forts of the Dardanelles was renewed at eight o'clock this morning. After a period of long range firing the squadron of battleships attacked at close range. All the forts at the entrance to the Straits were successfully reduced and the operations are continuing"

THE WAR MUST GO ON

London, Feb. 25—Premier Asquith took occasion, in the House of Commons this afternoon, in replying to a question, to endorse the opinion expressed by First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill in a newspaper interview, that Great Britain would continue to fight to the end, even should France and Russia withdraw from the war.

BRITISH TRANSPORT REPEDED SUNK.

(Special to The Mail.)

TRANSPORT REPORTED SUNK
Berlin, Feb. 26—According to German official news agency the Italian Newspaper Corriere della Sera reports the receipt of despatch by Lloyds from Eastbourne, England, stating that a British transport carrying 1800 men was sunk by the German submarine with all on board.