

KITCHENER MAY GIVE WAY FOR LLOYD-GEORGE

War Secretary Shorn of Power by Enlarged Office of New Chief of Staff

DERBY ALSO MENTIONED

"K of K's" Prestige on Wane. Now Loses Direct Control of Military Action

LONDON, Feb. 8. David Lloyd-George, Minister of Munitions, was again being mentioned today as a possible successor to Lord Kitchener.

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No continuation of rumors of Kitchener's impending resignation was obtained from any authoritative source. It was generally agreed that if he quits, his new post will be in Egypt or Mesopotamia.

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The comparatively tranquil atmosphere that has marked the domestic political situation for some weeks has given way today to a feeling of restlessness, and tonight political London is agitated with reports and speculation. This time, however, previous occasions, doubts are based upon concrete facts, not guesses or political attacks.

A revolutionary change has just been made in the functions of the Secretary of War.

By order, by which Lord Kitchener is practically superseded in what has been the foremost function of his office, as at once taken up by the press as a substantial sign that the days of Earl Kitchener as War Secretary are definitely numbered.

While no effort is made here to conceal that the reported change is actually to be made in the last analysis that Lord Kitchener has at last been ousted by his political opponents, it is certain that he will by no means be entirely discarded as one of the leading military figures in Great Britain.

It is pointed out here that Lord Kitchener's power has crumbled bit by bit during the last twelve months. First Lloyd George, popularly described as the empire's driving force, was made Minister of Munitions. That appointment deprived Lord Kitchener of one of the vital levers of his original province of work, although ostensibly it was done to "relieve him."

Then came last fall the Derby recruiting campaign. The traditional idol of the posters, K. of K., was replaced by the brilliant Lord Derby. The latter's name began to be associated with the recruiting campaign. Lord Derby and not Earl Kitchener received the credit of doing all that was humanly possible in delaying recruitment.

Meanwhile the foes of Lord Kitchener kept up the campaign with unabated bitterness. One of the latest attacks upon him was made by the Weekly Dispatch, which called him "too old" for his present office and urged the Government to send him to the Near East, "where he belongs and where he can do the best work."

Again, when Lloyd George entered upon his nationwide roundup of labor for the speeding up of the munitions output, making speeches that shook England from apathy into action, Lloyd George rose from the most cordially detested man in the kingdom to the pedestal of "the empire's driving power," while Lord Kitchener lost in prestige.

Not long ago, when the Munitions Minister made his now famous "too late" speech, it was generally taken as a veiled attack on Kitchener, for it was the latter who was held responsible for the failure to fill the need for machine guns.



MAJ. GEO. D. LANGHORNE Former United States military attaché at Berlin, who is mentioned as a messenger for German officials in the letters taken from Captain von Papen by the British.

ONE DIES IN SEABOARD WRECK

Engineer of Flyer Coming From Florida the Victim

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 8. — Engineer Wright was killed and his friend seriously injured when a Seaboard Air Line flyer, northbound from Florida, was wrecked near Sanford, N. C., early today.

Reports at the main offices of the Seaboard Air Line here say three cars were overturned, but so far as can be ascertained none of the passengers was injured. The cause of the wreck has not been ascertained.

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FORMER ATTACHE OF U. S. INVOLVED WITH VON PAPEN

Letters Seized by British Show Langhorne Acted as Messenger

GERARD IS CRITICISED

LONDON, Feb. 8. Interesting additions to the Von Papen correspondence are contained in a parliamentary paper issued last night. The paper gives the translations of all the documents taken from Captain Franz von Papen, the former German military attaché at Washington, and the full entries of his bank account with facsimiles of checks and stubs.

A letter dated merely "Washington, Tuesday," and signed "H. Hatfield," is one of the documents now for the first time divulged.

Prince Hermann von Hatzfeldt-Trachenberg is counsel of the German Embassy at Washington. This letter contains the following: "I telephoned today to Albert, the Ambassador, in my opinion, should nevertheless issue a statement to enlighten the native Americans and pro-Germans and lead their thoughts into right channels. The people are really so stupid; besides, this means we can openly defend the Americans in the Adams, Hodley, who are implicated in this affair."

Other letters obviously refer to Major Langhorne, formerly United States military attaché in Berlin, who was summoned home early in 1915. These letters are from Colonel Herwarth, of the German General Staff. One letter to Captain von Papen says:

"I strongly advise you to see Langhorne. Of course you know he is returning. Everybody regrets his departure. He is quite exceptionally popular with every one here.

"The bearer of this letter, Mr. Lyell Fox, can give you news of Berlin. He is reliable and understands how shamefully dependent on England the United States have become. Pro forma, of course, he is a neutral. I think there will soon be a big change in American opinion."

Another Herwarth letter, dated March 22, says:

"I hope you and Boy-Ed received all my letters, which I forwarded to you through Langhorne and Fox. I hope the people over there will gradually see reason. I am sure you and Boy-Ed will do your share to contribute to this result. I shall do all I can by influencing the reporters, who always come to see me."

A letter from Edward Lyell Fox, dated Berlin, July 28, says:

"It is my sincere conviction, and in be-

Today in the War

German artillery is pounding the Allies' lines in northern France and Belgium as the first move of their new offensive. Hundreds of new guns from the Krupp works are in position. Great troop movements behind the German lines are reported by Allied aviators.

French guns, in reply to the German fire, shelled a fort near Het Sas and trenches near Stenstraete. Paris also reports the destruction of a German blockhouse between the Oise and Aisne.

Rumanian participation in the war is agitating both Allies and the Central Empires. Germany, it is reported, is ready to make a military demonstration to counteract the Allies' diplomacy at Bucharest. It is officially denied in London that the Central Empires have dispatched a menacing ultimatum to Rumania.

German troops continue concentration on the border of Greece. Bulgars also are there in force. Turks are massing on the Rumanian border.

half of many other American correspondents here, that the misunderstandings between our countries are due to the poor advice and warped viewpoint of the American Embassy in Berlin. President Wilson cannot know the German viewpoint under the existing circumstances."

Doctor Dumba, the former Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Washington, whose recall was requested by the American Government September 23, wrote from Lenox September 1:

"Everything has ended happily in Washington, and the people already think they hear the bells of peace ringing. We have not got that length yet, but it just shows what a good effect is produced by good words and a light hand."

250,000 MORE BRITISH RECRUITS CALLED OUT

Rush of Volunteers on Eve of Enforcement of Compulsion Law

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Four more groups of English army recruits, enlisted under the Lord Derby system, began reporting to the colors today. These men will not be ready for active service until summer. It is estimated that the British Army will be increased by approximately a quarter of a million men by the calling out of these recruits.

This makes eight groups of recruits that have been called out for service under the Derby plan. All are single men.

In order to avoid inconvenience and undue pressure upon the recruiting offices it was arranged that only a certain number of men should be required to report today, but from now on until the four groups are exhausted the recruits will continue to present themselves.

There was a big rush of Derby volunteers today to enroll themselves before the conscription law goes into effect on Thursday. By attending before Thursday the recruits save themselves from the stigma of draft.

Special appeals have been issued by Sir Charles Wakefield, the Lord Mayor of London, who has published a list of famous London corps with which men may enroll. Sir Charles is anxious that the famous London regiments, which have distinguished themselves in the first year of the war, shall be kept at their full strength.

Tuglers Restaurant advertisement featuring illustrations of people dining and text: "Matinee Dancing Wednesday and Thursday 4 to 8 P. M. Evening Dancing 10 P. M. to Closing Saturday, 9.30 P. M. to Closing Broad & Chestnut Sts."

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