

ALLIED COUNCIL INFLUENCED BY DEMANDS OF U. S.

Instant Military Decision the Aim, Premier Tells Commons

FACE GRIM REALITIES

If House Repudiates New Policy Lloyd George Will Quit

London, Tuesday, Feb. 19.—Premier Lloyd George and his government have surmounted another "crisis" and the parliamentary waters at Westminster appear to run smoothly once more after a week's turmoil stirred up by the retirement of General Robertson, chief of the Imperial General Staff.

London, Feb. 20.—The House of Commons yesterday received Premier Lloyd George's promised statement on the Versailles council and the recent resignation of General Sir William Robertson as chief of staff. It concluded with what was virtually a demand for a vote of confidence. The Premier announced that General Sir Henry Rawlinson had been appointed to succeed Sir Henry Wilson on the Supreme War Council at Versailles.

The Premier declared frankly that the war council at Versailles had been endowed with executive powers. The allies had suffered in the past through lack of concerted and coordinated efforts, and it had been decided to set up a central authority to co-ordinate strategy and to make instant decisions possible.

The American representative declared "with irresistible power and logic" for the plan for expansion of the supreme Council's power, the Premier said. 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 interallied authority with executive powers. The only difference which arose is as to its constitution. 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, in as much as it was regarded as unworkable.

The American representatives at the Versailles war council (General Bliss and General Pershing) declared "with irresistible power and logic" for the plan for expansion of the supreme Council's power, the Premier said. If he should read the document submitted by the Americans said Mr. Lloyd George, there would be no need to make a speech.

Plan Unanimously Upheld "The case is presented with irresistible power and logic," he added. "What happened? We altered the proposal here and there. There was a good deal of discussion which took some hours. There was not a single dissent voice so far as the plan was concerned."

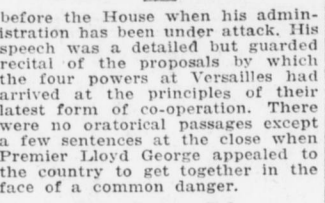
If the House of Commons repudiated the policy for which he was responsible in which he believed the safety of the country depended, Lloyd George declared, he would quit office. His one regret would be that he had not greater strength and ability to place at the disposal of his country in its greatest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

Speech Guarded The occasion was not as stirring as one has been several other appearances of the Welsh Premier

Storm Centers About Head of Lloyd George



General Sir Henry Wilson



General Sir William Robertson

before the House when his administration has been under attack. His speech was a detailed but guarded recital of the proposals by which the four powers at Versailles had arrived at the principles of their latest form of co-operation. There were no oratorical passages except a few sentences at the close when Premier Lloyd George appealed to the country to get together in the face of a common danger.

Mr. Asquith asserted the country regarded with deep concern the recent enforced retirement of the government's chief naval and military advisers, Admiral Jellicoe and General Robertson. The public and their own professions had the utmost confidence in these men. Mr. Asquith added that the country had noted that both retirements were preceded by a hostile press campaign. The public questioned whether these losses were compensated by the retention of the Earl of Derby in the war ministry and the appointment as director of foreign press propaganda—referring to Viscount Northcliffe, although he did not mention his name—one whose newspapers had conducted the press campaign.

CHOLM PROVINCE NOT FOR UKRAINE, AUSTRIA LEARNS

Mixed Commission Will Decide Its Fate on Race Principles

Basel, Switzerland, Feb. 20.—Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian premier, has announced to the Reichsrath representative that the Ukraine Rada and the Austro-Hungarian government is said to have been applauded pliancing the Ukraine peace treaty by which the province of Cholm will not revert to the Ukraine republic. A mixed commission will be appointed to decide its fate on race principles and with regard to the wishes of the population. The announcement is said to have been applauded heartily.

Much feeling has been aroused among the Poles through the fact that the old province of Cholm, a part of Poland, had been given to the Ukraine by the peace treaty signed at Brest-Litovsk. The attitude of Polish deputies in the Austrian parliament also threatened the stability of the Von Seydler government, whose resignation was refused by Emperor Charles, February 9. Strikes of protest against the ceding of Cholm have been held in both Russian and Austrian Polish cities. Article 2 of the treaty of peace with the Ukraine gives the frontier of the new country as including Cholm. It adds, however, that the frontier will be fixed in detail by a mixed commission according to ethnographical conditions and with a regard to the desires of the population. The population of Cholm is made up of various races and formerly was included in Poland. A great part of it, however, was included in Great Russia by the Russian government when it realigned the frontiers of Poland.

HAVE TWO SONS IN THE ARMY



SAMUEL W. BANKES



CHARLES D. BANKES

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bankes, 526 Curtin street, have reason to feel thankful for the most cheerful reports come from their two sons in the service, who invariably write to them and greatly pleased with army life. Samuel W. Bankes has been serving in the 81st Field Artillery, Battery B, at Fort Oglethorpe, but recently received orders to proceed to Palo Alto, Cal., for particular line of training. Charles D. Bankes is stationed at Camp Jackson, S. C., and is serving in the 318th Field Signal Battalion.

Third District Board to Send Squad to Camp Meade

Elizabethville, Pa., Feb. 20.—Dauphin County District Draft Board, No. 3, has issued orders to thirteen selected men to report at Elizabethville on Tuesday, February 20, and start for Camp Meade, Md. on Wednesday. Those in the squad are the following:

- J. Albert Nace, Williamstown. Beecher R. Hay, Williamstown. Harold J. Hay, Williamstown. James Richard Ryan, Williamstown. Norman E. Snyder, Millersburg. Harry L. Kuntzleman, Millersburg. Ralph E. Kuntzleman, Millersburg. Herbert C. Hoy, Millersburg. Samuel R. Fetterhoff, Wisconsin. William Mahoney, Wisconsin. Thomas S. Umholtz, Gratz. Artie W. Umholtz, Gratz. John A. Keiter, Fishersville.

"The Merry Travelers" For Elizabethville Red Cross

Elizabethville, Pa., Feb. 20.—Tomorrow and Friday evenings a play entitled "The Merry Travelers" will be given in the High school auditorium under the auspices of the executive committee for the benefit of the Elizabethville Red Cross Auxiliary, and under the direction of Miss Edna Gay Schaefer. Mrs. Roy Romberger will be the pianist and John Wise, violinist. Music will also be furnished by the Elizabethville orchestra.

BRASS BUTTONS CAUSE TROUBLE

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efforts of draft officials and County Sheriff Davis to get them into the National Army. Ignore Draft Call Yoder was called to go to Camp Meade way back last summer, but refused to show up, and likewise refused to show up on repeated calls for service. Draft officials did not press him because he had an appeal pending, and he was in the military grounds under consideration at the time. The appeal was overruled, with the acquiescence that he might go as a noncombatant to serve behind the lines.

"But" thought Yoder, "that doesn't remove the contamination of the brass buttons," and promptly hid himself out of sight of Sheriff Davis' buttoned up personality when that official put in an appearance at his home in the Valley February 6 with papers for his arrest. The sheriff thinks he was in hiding in a neighbor's house, where men use hooks and eyes and don't endanger their souls with the contaminating buttons.

Retreats Before Buttons Now Yoder has not put in an appearance since that day he retreated before the onslaught of the buttons on Sheriff Davis' overcoat. It is thought that he might have retreated to the west, where members of the Buttonless Order of Amishmen send their ways daily in a well ordered world of hooks and eyes. Stultizus is thought to have taken the same course as Yoder, rather than go to the front where the insidious buttons are forced upon helpless conscripts. His course of action from the time he was drafted has been much the same as Yoder's, except that he appeared for examination when he was first called, and informed the officials that he would not return the next day to join the members of his quota.

\$50 Reward Offered Draft officials of Mifflin county are anxious to apprehend the two slacker, as it is said that all the registrants of Mifflin county are growing dissatisfied at seeing members of their quotas going off to camp, while the two doctors remain secure behind their hook and eye fronts. The Adjutant General's Department has been notified and the Provost General's Department at Washington, has also been notified. When the men are caught their apprehender will receive a \$50 reward from the draft board at Lewisport, and the Amishmen will be court martialed as deserters by a heathen array of buttons and buttonholes. Draft officials at Lewisport say some Amishmen have been sent to Camp Meade, and while they have gone without protest, reports from Meade say they make poor soldiers and skulk in corners, nervously fingering the buttons on their uniforms that every minute, they think, are sending their souls nearer to destruction.

TWO WEDDING CEREMONIES Marietta, Pa., Feb. 20.—Miss Lillian E. Grove, married yesterday to Samuel H. Foose, of Sporting Hill at the parsonage of the United Brethren Church in Mechanicsville, by the Rev. H. E. Sonon. Miss Esther E. Deibel, was married to Owen T. Slaughter, a seaman on the United States steamship Davis, at the parsonage of the Grace Lutheran Church, Lancaster, by the Rev. Dr. C. E. Haupt.

HENRY H. KAUFFMAN DIES Marietta, Pa., Feb. 20.—Henry H. Kauffman, 67 years old last Christmas, one of the best known farmers in Lancaster county, died Monday night. He was born at Dover, and was engaged in farming all his life. He was twice married. His second wife, four children, nine grandchildren, a brother and a sister, survive.

WOMAN DROPS DEAD Sporting Hill, Pa., Feb. 20.—While preparing supper, Mrs. Christine Hoover, 51 years old, fell over dead from heart trouble. She was apparently in the best of health. Besides her husband, two sons and a brother survive. She was a member of the Mennonite Church, and taught in the Sunday school.

CORNELIUS WALKER HURT Halifax, Pa., Feb. 20.—Cornelius D. Walker, of Front street, fell on the pavement on Tuesday evening. His head struck a pavement in falling a deep gash over the left eye which required four stitches to close.

JOLLY RAG PARTY Halifax, Pa., Feb. 20.—A rag party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bixler, near town on Tuesday evening. The following ladies were present: Annie Killinger, O. J. Holtzman, S. J. Bowman and little daughter, Sarah, S. J. Zearing, the Rev. J. F. Stahly, James Meier, C. M. Bowman, Henry Miller, Earl Fitting and J. C. Bixler, Sallie Radle, Emma Bixler, Beulah and Mary Fauber, Marck Barkal and Fred Bixler and Albert Killinger.

Owner of Hotel Property Sued For \$10,000 Damages

Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 20.—A peculiar suit for damages was brought in the Northumberland county common pleas court yesterday. David O. Phillips, a Sunbury school director, who held a retail liquor license for the Windsor hotel here, was refused a renewal by President Judge Cummings, who in endorsing the refusal, said: "This license is refused by reason of the premises being absolutely unfit for the purpose of accommodating the traveling public." At the expiration of the license year on the 31st of last month, Phillips moved out, and then sued for \$10,000 for loss of business and capital invested. In his statement Phillips alleges that a lease for the property was signed on the 1st of February, 1915, and that it was then and for a long time prior to that a licensed hotel, and had a large and lucrative trade. By the terms of the lease, he says, the defendant agreed to do all necessary painting, papering and repairing of the premises, so as to make them habitable and comfortable at their earliest convenience.

PROMINENT ATTORNEY DIES Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 20.—Benjamin E. Heckert, aged 41, died at his home here of a complication of diseases. He was a lawyer, secretary of the health board, a Mason, a graduate of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio; State Health Registrar, and a member of the Northumberland county board of road viewers. His wife and a son survive.

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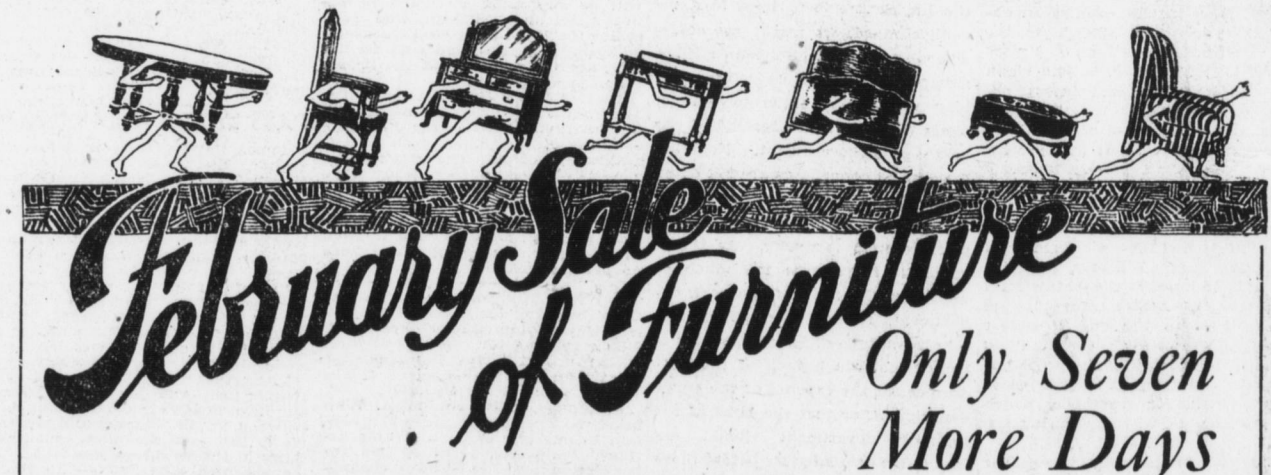
PACKARD TRUCKS



Priority freight! No rail embargo can halt shipments by Packard trucks.

"You must wait your turn" is the order of the railroad war board to all industries not directly supplying the army and navy. Acute freight congestion continues—even with business operating only five days a week. Tonnage handled has been increased twenty per cent over 1916. But the volume offered has increased still more. Hence the war board's decision to hold up ordinary traffic and give priority to government shipments and civilian necessities. With winter adding further to the blockade, thoughtful business men have

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February Sale of Furniture Only Seven More Days

To say that our February Sale of Furniture and Carpets has been a success, is putting it mild. Those who have been here to secure the extraordinary values for which our February Sales are known, have told their friends. The result has been a February business exceeding that of any February in preceding years.

You, Who have not been to see this big day-light furniture store, cannot appreciate the character of merchandise we carry and the remarkable low prices unless you pay a visit. We will pay your carfare, whether you buy or not. And if you do buy we will prepay the freight within one hundred miles or deliver to Harrisburg and vicinity with our motor trucks.

New Cumberland is on the map when it comes to selling furniture and carpets, and The Hoff Store invites comparison of values with that of similar quality in the larger cities. And our assortment is exceptionally complete, when you consider that we have four large floors filled with good, substantial furniture and a splendid selection of the better sort. The original price tickets are always marked low. They remain on the pieces during this sale. We quote— SOME OF OUR MANY SPECIALS

- A nine-piece Dining Room Suite, consisting of 6-foot extension table, pedestal dining buffet, china closet, fine leather seat chairs and one arm chair to match. A new \$95.00 value on display in our window. February Sale Price \$84.00
- A Ten Piece Queen Ann Suite, made in American walnut, all chairs upholstered in blue leather. A very beautiful suite specially priced for our February Sale \$169.00
- A Ten-Piece William and Mary Dining Room Suite, all quartered oak, wax finish, with real leather seat chairs. February Sale Price \$110.00
- A Mahogany Settee upholstered in muleskin leather; length six feet by thirty inches deep. February Sale Price \$35.00
- A Golden Oak Settee, length six feet, six inches by 32 inches. Deep upholstery in real Spanish Leather. February Sale Price \$50.00

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