

HOUSE OF COMMONS

British Leaders Explain Their Side of the European War.

LARGE CREDIT VOTED

Asquith Tells His Countrymen That Since War Began Nearly 3,000,000 Men Had Enlisted in Army and Navy and That 800,000 Persons Were Engaged in Manufacture of Munitions, but Both Figures Would Have to Be Increased—Earl Kitchener Reads House of Lords an Optimistic Speech.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Premier Asquith, in the house of commons, and Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, in the house of lords, gave an exhaustive survey today in the financial and military situations, both making candid statements of what has already been done and of preparations "for carrying the war to a successful conclusion."

Both houses were crowded with members and spectators, who followed with deepest interest the premier's statement, asking for another vote of credit, which finally passed and which brings the total of 1,262,000,000 pounds (\$8,310,000,000), and to Earl Kitchener's reading of a carefully prepared and optimistic speech on the military operations and needs.

The premier had to deal with huge figures to explain the financing of the war and warned his hearers that, although the expenditures now was over 3,500,000 pounds daily, there was likelihood of its increasing, owing to the advance to the allies and dominions, which had reached 250,000,000 pounds (\$1,250,000,000), and provision for munitions.

Since the war began nearly 3,000,000 men, he said, had enlisted in the army and navy. Besides, 800,000 persons now were engaged in the manufacture of munitions. But both figures would have to be increased, and he appealed to the women to give their assistance, believing that they would make a "gigantic stride toward the solution of one of the most pressing problems."

Mr. Asquith candidly admitted that mistakes had been made, and added: "I do not say, even now, we are doing all we might, or even all we ought to do."

He protested, however, against the attempts of a section of the press to "belittle and disparage our efforts."

After reviewing the operations in Flanders, the Dardanelles and Poland, Mr. Asquith declared that the country had vastly exceeded any standard dreamed of before the war. As the war went on, however, that standard would rise and new sacrifices would be demanded in men, munitions and money.

A discussion on the question of conscription followed the premier's speech and the house finally granted the vote asked for.

Earl Kitchener, in his speech, made

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PREPARING THE TAX NOTICES

TREASURER RUFUS POLAND AND FORCE AT WORK GETTING OUT STATEMENTS.

NEW FORM BEING USED THIS YEAR

There are five large books devoted to the taxpayers of Fergus county this year, and the county clerk's office has completed its work with several of these books, which have been surrendered and turned over to the office of the county treasurer. Working on these books, Treasurer Rufus Poland and his force are busy getting out the annual tax notices. These will be mailed to every taxpayer in the county the second Monday in October. Every taxpayer will then know just what the amount of his taxes are.

Use New Form. Treasurer Poland is using a new form of tax notice this year, which will serve as a great convenience to the property owner. The old form was merely a statement of the total amount due. The new form contains a description of the real estate and other property, together with the detailed values, and also the levy in each fund. This shows just how the computation is made, and each taxpayer can check up directly, to see if any error has been made. The taxpayer is urged to carefully inspect the assessment list and the computation which, however, is almost certain to be correct.

Four copies of this notice are made, one for the office, a second for the clerk and recorder's office, another to be sent to the taxpayer, and the original to be given to the taxpayer as a receipt when he pays his taxes. More labor is required by this new system, which is thought to be far superior to the other and well worth the extra effort and labor.

FOREIGN MINISTER ROSE FROM THE RANKS

TOKIO, Sept. 14.—Baron Kikujiro Ishii, ambassador to France, who has been named foreign minister, is a self-made man risen from the ranks. He knows considerable about the United States and what are known as the "American problems." In 1907 he was dispatched to San Francisco and also to Vancouver to study the anti-Japanese movements.

The coming of Baron Ishii does not mean the effacement of Baron Kato his predecessor, from power and influence. Baron Kato is the close friend of Baron Kato and was recommended for the post of foreign minister by Kato, after it is understood, Viscount Chinda, ambassador to Washington, had declined.

AUSTRIA IN IGNORANCE

VIENNA HAS NOT RECEIVED FROM UNITED STATES REQUEST FOR DR. DUMBA'S RECALL.

CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD

News Has Reached Vienna Through Foreign Newspapers and It is Doubtful if Dumba's Report Can Be Received Only by Messenger.

VIENNA, Sept. 14.—(By Courier to Berlin, via London, Sept. 15, 10:55 p. m.)—Even now no admission can be obtained in any government quarters that anything more is known about the United States government's request for the recall of Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba, the Austria-Hungarian ambassador at Washington, than is published in the Swiss, French and German newspapers reaching here. It appears to be a fact that no report of any nature has yet been received from the ambassador himself, nor has Frederick C. Penfield, the American ambassador, received Secretary of State Lansing's note requesting the withdrawal of Dr. Dumba.

The first news Mr. Penfield received concerning the situation was contained in foreign newspapers, Austria is so cut off from the outside world that it is doubtful whether Dr. Dumba's report can be received other than by means of a messenger, which indicates that at least a fortnight of waiting will result.

Conversations with various persons in a position to speak strongly on the impression already reported by the Associated Press that the Austria-Hungarian government ardently desired to avoid anything which would lead to the belief that the Dumba matter signifies anything approaching an actual political issue, or as likely to have any effect whatever on the relations between Austria and the United States.

The persons interviewed pointed out a great number of precedents where the recall of diplomatic representatives had been requested, or even demanded, by the governments to which they were accredited, and that such incidents had never led to any interruptions of pleasant relations between the governments or even been considered as raising an issue of any nature.

FIRE LOSS IS ABOUT \$1,100

Damage to Residence at Yesterday Morning's Fire is Considerable. Property Fully Insured.

The facts relating to the early morning fire yesterday, when the residence at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets caught on fire, were as stated in yesterday's issue of the Democrat-News. The blaze was reported to the fire station at 3 a. m. and a quick response was made with the ever-reliable auto truck. The boys had instructions to use a little water as possible so as to avoid damage as far as could be done, so the chemicals were liberally put into service. The result was that only one room was damaged by water. The men had to fight some heavy smoke and the smoke damage to the contents is considerable. The total loss to the building and contents is estimated at \$1,100, although the adjusters have not arrived yet to get at the official figures.

An hour and a half was put in by the fire department combating the stubborn blaze which crept from the back room downstairs, where it originated in some unknown manner, up through the roof.

MASONS IN GREAT FALLS.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 15.—The Masonic Grand Lodge, A. F. and M., the blue lodge of Montana, today began their fifty-first annual session here. The day was devoted to the consideration of reports and recommendations. The meeting of this division of Montana's Masonry will continue over tomorrow. Tonight the three Masonic orders holding annual state convocations in Great Falls will dedicate the \$100,000 Masonic temple here. The election of state officers for the blue lodges will be held tomorrow.

STOCK CATTLE HIGH.

Cattle are commanding a high price in the great markets of the world, and locally, cattle are selling at top prices. Stock cattle are reported to range from \$60 to \$65, calves thrown in. This is a high record.

Foreign office in this difficult period is capable and tactful and modest in bearing. All Japanese public men are careful in speech; Ishii is especially conservative, but he gives the impression of frankness and sincerity. He has worked hard all his life. Above all things he has labored patiently. He is the most patient man in the Japanese diplomatic service. That was his record at Paris, where for several years he has sought to understand something of western diplomacy so that his own country might profit. With patience especially he labored to place loans for his

BERLIN NOW HAS PROOF

EVIDENCE THAT ARABIC WAS TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING SENT TO GERARD.

COUNT WIRES THE FOREIGN OFFICE

General Expectation is That Several Days, Possibly Two Weeks, Will Elapse Before Decision of the German Government is Made Known.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Ambassador Gerard has been instructed to present to the German foreign office a summary of the evidence gathered by the United States government and accepted here as conclusive proof that the White Star liner Arabic was torpedoed without warning, causing the loss of two Americans.

Secretary Lansing, in making this announcement today, made it clear that no representations or expression of opinion by the American government had been made in the communication. The viewpoint of the United States, based on the evidence in the Arabic case and its position on the principles involved, were stated informally to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who communicated later with the foreign office at Berlin.

The outcome of these two steps—examination by the German foreign office of the evidence and receipt by Berlin officials of Ambassador Bernstorff's suggestion—will be awaited before the next move in the situation is determined.

The general expectation is that several days, possibly two weeks, will elapse before the decision of the German government is made known. No word had been received at the state department concerning published reports of a chase of the American liner St. Paul by a German submarine, it was said at the state department that if the St. Paul was attempting to escape after having been warned, an attack on her might have been justified. In the absence of details, department officials were not disposed to comment on the case.

BERNSTORFF HOPEFUL.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—That the difficulties between the United States and Germany will be settled within a fortnight was the opinion voiced by

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CONCRETE WORK IS COMPLETED

THE CEMENT FLOOR FOR NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH POURED IN ONE DAY.

ALL READY FOR THE BRICK LAYER

The reinforced concrete portion of the new Catholic church building has been completed and the only cement work remaining unfinished is in connection with the steps, forms for which are now being laid.

Stanton & Smith poured the entire concrete floor in one day, and such rapid progress has been made that the work is going along at schedule time, regardless of the recent storm, which had put a stop to all building operations.

Father van den Broeck is not urging the contractors any, and prefers that they have all the time required to do the work in the very best manner. So he does not plan on having the church ready for occupancy until about March 20, 1916. However, it is expected that the structure will be under roof by December 20.

PHILATHEA ENTERTAINMENT.

The Philathea class will give a birthday social in the basement of the Methodist church Friday evening. An exceptionally interesting program has been arranged as follows: Instrumental duet, Misses Evelyn and Este Shannon; vocal solo, B. Owen; read-in, Mrs. W. E. Brann, mandolin solo, John Beam; instrumental solo, Mrs. E. L. Kechley; recitation, Mrs. C. A. McChesney; vocal solo, Mrs. Brun; violin solo, Mrs. O. W. Freeman.

ADVANCE CHECKED

Slavs' Vigorous Counter Attacks Halt the Progress of Teutons.

MAY BE OUTFLANKED

Despite the Activity Now Being Displayed by the Czar's Armies Along the Entire Battlefield, the Austrians Have Sent Reinforcements Against Italy and Have at Some Parts of the Line Assumed the Offensive and the Operations on That Front Are Likely to Take on a More Interesting Character.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—(10:10 p. m.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's drive toward the Drinsk-Vilna railway is not progressing as fast as his previous enterprises of a similar kind have done, and at one or two points, about midway between these towns where his cavalry has cut the railway, he still is being stubbornly opposed by the Russians, who are making vigorous counterattacks.

Von Hindenburg, however, has reached a point west of the bridgehead across from the town of Drinsk and is preparing to attack that fortified area.

Along the rest of the line the German advance has also slowed up, while in Galicia the Russians still are attacking, and according to unofficial reports from Bucharest and other points, the Austro-German armies are "falling back across the Danube river. Just north of the Galician border the Russians also are on the offensive and are making an attempt to recapture the fortress of Duedo, which the Austrians took last week.

This offensive in the south, it is believed, will have an effect on the rest of the front, as reinforcements must soon be sent there, or the Teutonic allies will run the danger of being outflanked. Despite this, the Austrians have sent reinforcements against Italy and have at some parts of the line assumed the offensive. The country is so rough, and the Italians, since they declared war, have been so successful in capturing positions for defense that any advance by the Austrians cannot for some time threaten the defenders. The operations, however, are likely to take on a more interesting character.

The heavy guns continue their bombardment along the western front and in the Vosges another engagement is in progress for the possession of Hartmannsweilerkopf, which has changed hands often during the past few months.

AYERS VACATES ORDER NAMING RECEIVER IN WINIFRED CASE

ROBERT T. WELSCH BRINGS SUIT AGAINST RACHAEL WELSCH TO SECURE DIVORCE.

Judge Roy Ayers Tuesday vacated the order previously made by him in the case of R. N. Winston against John A. Anderson, appointing Tom Mason receiver. The action arose over the sale of a tract of farm property, the defendant, it was alleged, having failed on a payment. The matter involved the crop put in by the defendant.

FAVOR CHANGE TO NEW ROOMS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS DECIDE UPON NEW QUARTERS.

IN FRONT PART OF THE TEMPLE

At a meeting of the executive board of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning, it was voted to move the offices of the organization from the present quarters to the rooms in the Masonic Temple formerly occupied by the Cook-Reynolds company. The plan of moving these offices was proposed some time ago, but no definite action was taken until yesterday, the advantages of the move and the improvements which it will make being many. The position will be more prominent, facing as it does on Broadway, and the quarters will be considerably larger, a feature which is to be desired above many others.

Accept the Exhibit. The board accepted the offer of the county commissioners relative to the county exhibit at Helena, and this display of grains will be placed in the new offices as a permanent decoration. It is hoped to preserve the centerpiece of the fair exhibit intact, as it is a thing of art, and one in which Lewistown people will take a pride in showing strangers. The centerpiece, which has already been sent on to Helena, was designed and made by Surprenant and Wentworth. In figure it is a butterfly with wings outspread, and in the center of its body is the figure of a girl, "Judith," done in clay. The head and wings of the lovely creature are made of grains and grasses of the county, which are unsurpassed for work of this kind. Surrounding it on every side is a sample of the wealth of

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BULGARIA WANTS AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER.

ROME, Sept. 15.—(Via Paris, Sept. 15, 5:20 a. m.)—Because of the concentration of Greek and Rumanian troops on the Bulgarian frontier, the Bulgarian foreign minister has instructed the representatives of that country at Athens and Bucharest to request an immediate and definite explanation, according to a Sofia dispatch to the Giornale d'Italia.

SENATOR SHERMAN INJURED.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 15.—United States Senator L. V. Sherman of Illinois suffered deep lacerations on the face and hands today when a rock thrown at a Vandavia railroad train, between Collinsville, Ill., and East St. Louis, Ill., shattered the window beside which the senator sat.

LANSING SAYS GOVERNMENT CAN SEE NO WRONG IN MAKING LOAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Secretary Lansing made it plain to inquirers today that no violations of domestic or international law were involved in the proposed flotation by the allies of a large loan in this country.

The secretary explained that the attitude of the Washington government had long ago been announced; that its expression of disapproval of loans as "inconsistent with the spirit of neutrality" has been occasioned by a direct request for advice by American bankers concerning loans in general, and that the administration voiced its opinion chiefly to loans by popular subscription or those which would take

FOR FARMERS' PROTECTION

IRRIGATION CONGRESS GOES ON RECORD IN FAVOR OF NATIONAL MARKETING.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 344

This Bill Provides for a Marketing Commission of 29 Members, to Be Appointed by the President, to Secure Better Markets for Products.

FRESNO, Cal., Sept. 15.—For the protection of the farmer and with the view of providing a better market for his products, a resolution advocating a national marketing commission with departments in states, counties and towns throughout the United States, was introduced tonight before the international irrigation congress by S. Glen Andrus, secretary-manager of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

Delegates to the congress, which opened its first session here today, the congress having come to Fresno from Stockton this morning by special train, are called upon by the resolution to urge the passage of house joint resolution 344, presented to the national congress at its last session.

This bill provides for a marketing commission, the members of which are to be appointed by the president. The commission would be composed of 29 members, 15 of which shall be farmers and the remainder skilled in commerce, law, finance and transportation. The irrigators are urged to create a permanent section of the committee to bring about the steady passage of the house bill by congress.

Public ownership of the water systems is the final solution of the irrigation problem confronting the American farmer, in the opinion of Lieut. Gov. John M. Eshelman, who addressed the congress today. Irrigation is one of the most, if not the most important questions before the people of California, Mr. Eshelman said. He attributed most of the failures of irrigation enterprises to the contract system. One of the chief faults of the companies, Mr. Eshelman said, is that the companies sell more contracts than they have water.

SAID HE WAS ROBBED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 15.—When Lake Erie & Western passenger train No. 25 arrived here at 10 p. m. tonight, the American Express company messenger reported that he had been held up at the point of a revolver by a bandit and packages containing several thousand dollars and jewelry taken from the express safe. The robbery occurred near Arcadia, 28 miles north of Indianapolis. The robber escaped.

LEWISTOWN KNIGHTS RETURN

Home From Livingston After a Very Delightful Time at the State Lodge Sessions.

The delegates to the grand lodge meeting at Livingston and the members of the third rank team of the local lodge, Knights of Pythias, who did not return on Tuesday, came home yesterday. They all report a delightful time at the convention, and are being congratulated on every hand for their signal victory over the state in putting on third rank work. It was freely admitted in Livingston that never had the work been put on better than by the Lewistown lodge.

The following returned yesterday: J. L. Martin, R. G. Jackson, J. C. Miller, J. R. Miller, W. H. Smith, H. C. Tilzey, William Hanna and J. S. Kelly of Kendall.

By winning first place Monday night Lewistown won the cash prize of \$150 and possession of the big banner. The members of the team follow: W. S. Smith, James L. Martin, Marshal Huff, fine, J. C. Miller, Rudolph Miller, Harry Tilzey, E. G. Worden, R. G. Jackson, Dr. Burroughs, E. W. East, man, E. O. Kindschy, O. Q. Freeman, E. A. Bradley, Jack Briscoe, William Hanna, John Duffy and Judge Kelly.

PAY TAXES AND PENALTIES.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 15.—Taxes and penalties aggregating \$67,794.84 covering all mining properties at Hibbing, Minn., affected by state leases, were paid into the county treasury late this afternoon by the Oliver Mining company and the Pickands-Mather company, two of the eleven operators who have refused to pay their taxes on their Hibbing holdings for the current year on the grounds that the amount levied for village purposes is exorbitant and invalid.

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CONSULS TO LEAVE

American Representatives in Northern Mexico Get Orders.

OBREGON ADVANCING

Owing to the Carranza General's Advance Into Northern Mexico, and the Frequent Reports of Lawlessness on the Border, for Which General Villa Disclaims Responsibility, Have Led the State Department to Instruct American Consuls to Warn Americans to Withdraw From the Danger Zone to Leave Themselves.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—American consuls in Northern Mexico, which now has become the chief battleground between the contending factions, have been advised by the state department not only to notify American citizens to withdraw from the danger zone, but to leave Mexico themselves in the event that conditions become intolerable.

Secretary Lansing today described the instructions to consuls, which were issued several days ago, as simply precautionary on account of the disturbed conditions. They are similar to those given to American consuls in Europe whenever the contending armies draw near vicinities previously untouched by the fighting.

The rapid advance of General Obregon forces into Northern Mexico, and frequent reports of lawlessness on the border, for which General Villa has disclaimed responsibility, have led to the present measures, according to state department officials. The only formal announcement on the subject was as follows:

Owing to the disturbed conditions prevailing along the Mexican border, the department repeats the advice heretofore given to American citizens to remain on this side of the international line for the present.

As soon as American citizens have withdrawn, there will be no necessity, in the opinion of high officials here, for the consuls to remain, but it was denied that they had been ordered to leave discretion being vested in the consuls themselves. The notifications have extended to consuls in Torreón, Chihuahua, Hermosillo, Guaymas, Nogales and Juarez, all of which are in the territory controlled by Villa. It is expected that before another week or two most of the Americans will have withdrawn, at latest telegrams to the department tonight indicated a general exodus.

At the Villa Washington agency news of the department's action was received with unexplained surprise and resentment. Enrique C. Lorente, Villa representative, announced that he had addressed a communication to the state department expressing surprise and inquiring as to the intention of the United States.

Renewed depredations by the Yaqui Indians were reported in state department dispatches today. A marauding band was said to have crossed the

WILL ERECT A SCHOOL HOUSE

SOUTH LEWISTOWN TO BE PROVIDED WITH TWO-ROOM STRUCTURE AT ONCE.

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CITY SCHOOL EXHIBIT SHIPPED

Plans and specifications, as well as the advertisement for bids, are out on a new two-room school house which will be constructed immediately in South Lewistown, near the Milwaukee shops on Spring creek. It is hoped to start work on this structure within a week, as there are a number of children in that vicinity, and the building is greatly needed.

Superintendent A. A. Franke made a trip to the new school house in the Judith mountains yesterday morning, the one which was constructed by boys of the manual training department during the summer months. He obtained some very fine pictures of this building which will be sent to the Montana state fair with the Lewistown schools exhibit, and also be used for cents for publicity.

School Exhibit.

The exhibit from the city schools was sent off to Helena yesterday to be displayed with other exhibits at the state fair. It is a very creditable display that Lewistown will make this year, even more so than the one of last year, which is saying a great deal. All departments of industry and art will be represented, the stamp of splendid progress and improvement being upon it all. Mr. Franke and his teachers feel that Lewistown will take a prominent place among the state schools which will be represented there this year. Mr. J. W. Vogel, instructor in the manual training department, will go to Helena to have charge of the local exhibit.