

LOYD GEORGE IS VICTOR IN BATTLE

Commons Kills Asquith Motion for Special Investigating Committee.

CHARGES ARE REFUTED

British War Measures Explained in Detail by Premier, Who Is Cheered by Crowds in Galleries.

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vance of the Germans at Amiens the other day combatants. They are not aware of the men who are under fire every day making roads and railways...

Reading from a document which he said came from General Maurice's department nine days after the Premier's speech, the sentence: "From the statement included it will be seen that the combatant strength of the British Army was greater on the first of January, 1918, than on the first of January, 1917, the Premier continued:

"I have been charged with misleading the public and leaving the public to believe that at the time of the attack the allied position on the western front was that we had a slight superiority in infantry, a superiority in cavalry and a superiority in artillery. The whole of these figures were based on statements made by General Maurice."

War Cabinet Pressure Denied. "There was not a single yard taken over as the result of the Versailles council. Although General Maurice did not say so, the real point was this:

Of course, Field Marshal Haig was not anxious to extend his line, nor was the War Cabinet. The pressure from the French government was enormous. What was done was done in response to pressure from the War Cabinet.

French Urged Extension. "The French were pressing us to extend our line in order that they might withdraw men from the army for purposes of agriculture. Their agricultural output had fallen enormously and they found it essential that they should withdraw part of their men for the purpose of cultivating their soil.

Proposals Declared Sound. Everyone, said the Premier, would admit that those were sound proposals. The cabinet accepted them without demur. They had never departed from those principles one iota during the negotiations.

Mr. Lloyd George was not in the least prepared for that, and he told General Robertson that it was a matter he must deal with, and the whole matter was dealt with by General Robertson.

between the Prime Minister, M. Painleve, General Foch and myself, the question of extending our front was raised by the French representative. Mr. Lloyd George interjected: "Having regard to the assertion that we overruled Field Marshal Haig and General Robertson, I want the House to note these words."

On October 15 the question was first formally discussed with the War Cabinet. There was further pressure from the French government, and General Robertson gave his views concerning the line the British sought to take. This conclusion was recorded in the minutes of the War Cabinet as follows:

French Pressure Continued. "The general military policy for next year now is under consideration and will subsequently form the subject of a conference with the allied governments. In these circumstances, the War Cabinet fear that until this policy is settled it will be premature to decide by the British War Cabinet whether it can be extended by four divisions or to a greater or less extent than this."

French Premier Makes Appeal. The Premier continued: "Afterward came the Cambrai incident and the Italian disaster, which necessitated our sending troops from France. That made it difficult for the field marshal to carry out the promise he had made to General Pétain for a certain extension, which was not as large as the one which subsequently took place.

He was very insistent that the British army should take the line over. We stood by the position that that was for decision by the commander-in-chief. We never swerved from that position.

Cabinet in Full Accord. "That was the only interference so far as the British Cabinet was concerned. The military representatives at Versailles suggested a compromise between the British and French view, coupling it with the recommendation that steps should be taken by the French army to assist the British, if attacked."

Dean Blanchard Dead. Dean Blanchard, for more than a half century a resident of Rainier, Or., died last night at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, as the result of an accident when he fell from a ladder in his warehouse at Rainier, Wednesday, Mr. Blanchard was 85 years old and a bachelor.

EX-JUDGE OF COLUMBIA PASSES AT PORTLAND HOSPITAL. Falling From a Ladder at Rainier Wednesday, Victim Is Brought to Portland for Treatment.

As County Judge of Columbia County about 29 years ago, and as a small operator and river stevedore man, Mr. Blanchard became well known throughout the northern part of Oregon. He settled in Rainier about 1884, and for several years prior to that time lived in Oregon.

Mr. Blanchard was in comparatively good health and was doing some chores in his warehouse when he fell, injuring his head. He was brought to Portland yesterday morning by Dr. W. E. Welch and ex-Judge A. E. Clark, of Rainier. He succumbed last night at 8:30 o'clock.

Mr. Blanchard was a 224-degree Mason and one of the oldest men in the order in Columbia County. Mrs. John Dillaha, of Rainier, is a surviving sister, and there are no other immediate relatives.

Home Rule Bill to Appear Soon. LONDON, May 9.—Andrew Bonar Law, speaking for the government in the House of Commons today, announced that the home rule bill would not be introduced before May 19.

Read Harley's article, page 8.—Adv.

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