

KING ALEXANDER AND THE ALLIES. PARLIAMENT TO-DAY.

To Co-Operate Sincerely in Maintaining Tranquillity. Athens, Wednesday.

An extraordinary number of the Official Gazette will publish the following letter from King Alexander to M. Zaimis:— I am following with the utmost interest the Government's efforts for the restoration of the unity of the country.

TWO STEAMERS AND FIVE SAILING VESSELS.

Italian Losses for a Week. Rome, Wednesday.

The following semi-official statement is issued here:— During the week ended midnight on Sunday, 17th June, the movement of merchant ships of all nationalities in Italian ports was as follows:—Entries, 606 ships with gross aggregate tonnage of 483,470 tons; departures, 531 ships with gross aggregate tonnage of 481,755 tons.

BRavery of MIDSHIPMAN GYLES

Is Recognised by the Admiralty. Midshipman Royal Naval Reserve Donald A. Gyles is transferred to the Royal Navy, to date April 21.

Gyles was the heroic midship on H.M.S. Broke, which, along with the Swift, defeated the enemy destroyers and sank two of them in an action in the Channel on 20th and 21st April. The foremost guns' crews of the Broke were reduced from eighteen to six. This midshipman himself was wounded in the eye—yet despite the fact he kept all the foremost guns in action, and himself assisted the depleted crew to load.

AIR RAID WARNINGS IN LONDON.

Sir George Cave, Home Secretary, received in conference at the Home Office today the Lord Mayor of London, who was accompanied by Canon Alexander, St Paul's Cathedral, and the Mayors of various Metropolitan boroughs, with whom he discussed the question of air raid warnings in London.

GLASGOW MINISTER FOR MONTROSE.

Brechin and Fordoun United Free Presbytery indicated to the charge of St John's United Free Church, Montrose, this afternoon the Rev. Thomas Currie, M.A., Langside Hill, Glasgow. The service was conducted by the Rev. John Dow, M.A., St George's Church, Montrose, who delivered the discourse, while the Rev. John Anderson, B.D., Fordoun, presided and inducted the new minister. An induction tea given by the ladies in the Church Hall followed the service.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS ARRIVE AT PERTH.

Early this morning an ambulance train conveying 130 wounded soldiers arrived at Perth. Thirty were removed to the Murthly War Hospital, while 100 who were not cot the Perth War Hospital, 54 to the Red Cross Hospital, and 16 to the Royal Infirmary. The transport work was capably done in an hour by Voluntary Aid Detachments of Perth, Auchterarder, Bridge of Earn, Duffryn, Kinfauns, and Glenfarg, under Mr H. H. Noad, commandant.

PARLIAMENT TO-DAY.

AUSTRIAN OFFER TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS. ENTERTAINMENT TAX POSTPONED.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr Bonar Law said an announcement would be made at an early date as to the successor to Lord Northcliffe as Chairman of the Civil Aerial Committee.

Mr Hope said the Government refused to exchange Baron Georgitz for Captain Stanley Wilson, M.P., because they desired to add a second officer prisoner.

Medical Officers in Action. Mr Macpherson said 137 medical officers had been killed in action, 58 died of wounds, 62 of disease, and 707 were wounded.

Entertainment Tax Postponed. Mr Bonar Law said the increased entertainments tax would be postponed until October 1st.

Powers of the Lords. Mr Balfour announced that the Government were at present engaged in trying to arrange a conference on the constitution and powers of the House of Lords.

Irish Public Servants Dismissed. Considerable time was occupied in dealing with purely local Irish questions.

Mr Duke informed Mr Ginnell all the public servants dismissed for complicity in the Irish rebellion were dismissed because of a breach of that fidelity which an employer is entitled to expect from an employee.

Air Raids. Mr Bennett Gouldney in a question suggested the appointment of a Committee to deal with the subject of air raids with a view to prevention.

Mr Bonar Law said it was not possible to adopt the suggestion.

Mr Bonar Law, with reference to a suggestion in a question by Colonel Lowther that Captain Robinson, V.C., and other British officers had been imprisoned at Karlsruhe, said the Government were informed that the internment of Allied officers at Karlsruhe had no connection with the policy of reprisals.

Captured German. Mr Brookes asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether the German seaman now lying wounded in hospital at his capture on the occasion of the recent air raid on the Medway estuary was prior to the war a waiter in London?

Mr Macnamara said the man was apparently a teacher in his own country. So far as was known, this was his first visit to English soil.

BALFOUR AND PEACE TERMS.

Mr Balfour, answering questions in the Commons today, stated he was not prepared to discuss the German majority Socialist's peace terms across the floor of the House.

ALARMING FIRE IN ABERDEEN.

£50 in Bank and Treasury Notes Destroyed. An alarming fire occurred this morning in Union Street, Aberdeen's chief thoroughfare, as a result of which the premises occupied by Mr John Thow, ladies' tailor, were completely gutted, and the damage sustained was considerable.

By the efforts of the Fire Brigade, which was out in full strength, the fire was prevented from doing serious damage to large shops on either side.

GLASGOW STOCK EXCHANGE.

FORENOON QUOTATIONS. Caley Del. 8 7/16; Kynochs, 36 1/2; Lloyds, 81 1/2; British, 23 1/2; Calico, 14 1/2; Edinburgh United Distillery, 17 1/2; Breweries P., 7 1/2; Curries, 32 1/2; Coats, 5 1/2; Vallambrosa, 5 1/2; Edinburgh Selangor, Nimmo, 5 1/2; Langgi, 2 1/2; Wilsons buyers, Threads, 5 1/2; 4 1/2; 4 1/2.

AFTER OFFICIAL HOURS.

Nobels, 5 1/2; Roman Oils, 3 1/2; Arizonas, 4 1/2; Coras, 3 1/2; British, 1 1/2; Trunk Ordinary, 10; Charterhouse, 1 1/2; Burmah, 1 1/2; Cents, 6 1/2; Shells, 4 1/2; Spies, 1 1/2; Goldfields, 3 1/2; Rand, 9 1/2; Randfontein, 1 1/2; Johannesburg, 1 1/2; Tanganyika, 1 1/2; Zambezia, 1 1/2; Rags, 6 1/2; Globes, 3 1/2; Linggi, 2 1/2; Daggan, 1 1/2; Hender, 5 1/2; Rubber Trusts, 2 1/2.

SHORT TIME IS SUGGESTED IN LANGSHIRE To Get Over the Cotton Crisis.

Following the closing of Liverpool cotton futures market spot market to-day opened strong with advancing tendency. Trading, however, was on only moderate scale, merchants waiting for the result of the conference with the Board of Trade.

ROYAL DUNDEE INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

The "Two and Si" and "Cartwheel" Subscriptions. The "two and si" and the "cartwheels" which form the usual subscriptions to the Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind were referred to by Mr James Guthrie, Brechin, at the annual meeting of the Institution held in the Town Hall this afternoon.

The curious thing about the subscriptions was that of those under 12s they were all 2s 6d or 3s except two. There was a standard of "two and si," as some folks called it, that most people could not get above, while there was another standard of what was called "cartwheels" in his district—5s. If they could get that "Hindenburg line" broken it would very materially help the funds of the Institution.

Mr William C. Leng, the president, occupied the chair, and on the motion of Mr T. H. Walker, seconded by Mr G. D. Rattray, the office-bearers were re-elected.

ARBROATH BLACK WATCH MAN Dies from Wounds Sustained in Action.

Information has been received by his parents, who reside at 25 Elliot Street, Arbroath, that Private James Springeour (21), of the machine gun section of the Black Watch, died in a base hospital on 8th June, the day after he was wounded in action.

His officer, to whom he acted as servant and orderly, writes that there was no more cheery man in the company, and probably no more.

Private Springeour joined the Territorials four years ago, and was called up at mobilisation. He was previously wounded in May, 1915.

In Arbroath he was employed as an apprentice moulder.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table with columns: Consols 2 1/2 per cent. Money, 5 1/2; War Loan 4 per cent. 4 1/2; Great Eastern Deferred, 3 1/2; London and South-Western Deferred, 2 1/2; Russian 5 per cent. 1906 Loan, 5; Hudson's Bay, 7 1/2; Anglo-Malay, 12 1/2; Bank of India, 24; Lloyds, 27 1/2; London Asiatic, 7 1/2; Malacca Ord., 5 1/2; Rubber Plant Investment Trust, 26 1/2; United Sunbeam, 8 1/2; Leitch, 4 1/2; City Deep, 8 1/2; East Rand, 8 1/2; Modderfontein, 2 1/2; Rand Mines, 3 1/2; Russo Asiatic, 4 1/2-32.

DUNDEE STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table with columns: Business Done. Buyers. Sellers. Anglo-Indo-Chinese, 20; Anglo-Siam, 20; Anglo-Siam, 20; Anglo-Siam, 20; Anglo-Siam, 20; Anglo-Siam, 20; Anglo-Siam, 20; Anglo-Siam, 20; Anglo-Siam, 20; Anglo-Siam, 20.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

Table with columns: New York, Thursday. Erie, 25 1/2; Norfolk, 12 1/2; Ontario, 22; Reading, 9 1/2; Canada, 16; Steel, 12 1/2; Do. Preferred, 11 1/2; Louisville, 12 1/2; Milwaukee, 7 1/2; Pennsylvania, 5 1/2; Amcoada, 8 1/2; Exchange, 4 1/2; Silver, 7 1/2. Market weak.

WARNING TO GOVERNMENT AGAINST ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE INDUSTRIAL COMPULSION.

Workers' Conference and Conscription of Wealth. A special conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, the National Union of Railwaymen, and the National Transport Workers' Federation was opened this morning under the presidency of Mr Robert Smillie.

There were 152 delegates of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, 89 of the National Union of Railwaymen, and 33 of the National Transport Workers' Federation present, representing in all 1,286,000 workers.

Mr Robert Smillie, who presided, welcomed the delegates to the first meeting of the industrial triple alliance on its fullest representative basis. They had assembled primarily to discuss the question of industrial compulsion. If that body made up its mind against industrial compulsion there could be no fear of its introduction.

The conference ratified the constitution of the industrial alliance previously endorsed by the annual conference of the three bodies. On the motion of Mr James Winstone, a resolution was passed that, in the event of the Government attempting to introduce industrial compulsion, the sub-committee be instructed to immediately call a special conference to deal with the question.

DUNDEE WOMAN AND THE GRAMOPHONE.

Baillie Settles Important Point in Hire Purchase System. An interesting question relating to the hire purchase system was settled by Baillie Archer at Dundee to-day.

Mary Wilson or Whyte (39), 151 Victoria Road, Dundee, had bought a gramophone in the premises in Victoria Road occupied by William Reid, broker.

The case was concluded on Tuesday, when Mr Dewar, the procurator-fiscal, explained that the woman bought the gramophone on the hire purchase system from Mr J. T. Forbes, music-seller, 44 King's Road, paying the first instalment of 4s. On the same day she sold the instrument to Wm. Reid, broker, Victoria Road, for several times that amount.

Mr Latio, the assessor of the Court, and Baillie Archer, however, contended that the woman's act was not a sale, and continued the case pending inquiry on the subject. To-day Baillie Archer issued his judgment as follows:—The accused is charged with having, on 20th May, 1917, purchased a gramophone on the hire purchase system, and, after having only paid the first instalment, did sell the gramophone and steal it. The charge as framed does not amount to theft. I therefore dismiss the accused.

Turning to the alleged agreement by which I understand the present charge rests, I agree that a thing lent or hired for a specified time and purpose may be stolen by the borrower or hirer, and this rule has been extended to a pauper's rough, poorhouse clothing, they being expressly given to be worn while the pauper remained an inmate. A person may commit theft by the appropriation of an article which he has in his possession unless he had some title in it as exonerated him from an unqualified obligation to return it. From the agreement which has been signed by the parties there is no unqualified obligation on the part of the hirer to return the gramophone. I may add that the execution of the agreement under which the gramophone was purchased is invalid, as the signature of a seller is made by a stamp or the use of a cyclostyle.

JUBILEE CUP FINAL AT CARNOUSTIE.

The Carnoustie Mercantile Golf Club's 1917 tournament on the Diamond Jubilee Cup has now been concluded. The tournament was won by George Davidson and D. C. Crowe met in the final round, the latter receiving an allowance of 3 strokes from his Dundee opponent, which was a good standard throughout, and the result of the match was in doubt to the very end.

Mr Davidson held a lead of one hole on the 16th green at 17th hole, but Mr Crowe drove out of bounds the mistake costing him the hole and the match. Mr Davidson claiming victory by 2 up and 1 to play.

SIR JOSEPH LYONS' CONDITION DANGEROUS.

Sir Joseph Lyons, who is lying seriously ill in London, was this morning stated to be in a very dangerous condition. CALCUTHA JUTE MARKET. Calcutta, 19th May. Jute unchanged, dull.

DEATHS.

DYE.—At 19 Victoria Street, Dundee, on the 21st inst., Jane Jones, aged 52, beloved wife of James Dye, chimney-sweeper, who was deeply mourned. (Foreign papers please refer.)

FROM EAST FRONT... MURDERS AND ROBBERIES... RELEASED SIBERIAN CRIMINALS... VIENNA PREMIER IN AUSTRIA... CHANGING IN BANK RATE... EARLY OFFICIAL HOURS... AFTER OFFICIAL HOURS... EARLY OFFICIAL HOURS... AFTER OFFICIAL HOURS... EARLY OFFICIAL HOURS... AFTER OFFICIAL HOURS...