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## GENERAL NEWS.

#### NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE NEW CABINET. LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Prime Minister has made the following announcement:

The King has been pleased to confer the dignity of Viscount of the United Kingdom upon the Right Hon. John Morley, O.M., and upon the Right Hon. Sir H. H. Fowler, G.C.S.I., who retain their present

The King has been pleased to approve the following appointments:-

Lord President of Council . . . Lord Tweedmouth.
Secretary for Colonies . . . . Earl of Crewe.
Chancellor of Exchequer . . . Mr. Lloyd George.
First Lord of Admiralty . . . Mr. Regd. M'Kenna.
President of Board of Trade . Mr. W. S. Churchill.
President of Board of Education Mr. W. Runciman.

OUTSIDE THE CABINET. Under-Secretary Colonial Office Colonel Seely. Secretary War Office . . . . . Lord Lucas. Financial Secretary War Office Mr. F. D. Acland. Under-Secretary India Office . Mr. T. R. Buchanan.

THE RECONSTRUCTED CABINET.

The full Cabinet as reconstituted appears below, the names in italics being those newly appointed:-

Premier and First Lord of Treasury (£5,000).... Lord Chancellor (£10,000).... President of Council (£2,000) . Foreign Affairs (£5,000) . . . . . Home Affairs (£5,000) . . . . . . India (£5,000)
First Lord Admiralty (£4,500)
Board of Trade (£2,000)
Local Government (£2,000) Agriculture (£2,000)..... Education (£2,000). . Duchy of Lancaster (£2,000) . . 

Mr. Asquith. Lord Loreburn. Lord Tweedmouth. Lord Ripon. Mr. Lloyd George. Sir E. Grey. Mr. H. Gladstone. Lord Crewe. Mr. Haldane. Mr. Morley (in Lords). Mr. M'Kenna Mr. Churchill. Mr. Burns. Lord Carrington. Mr. Runciman. Sir H. Fowler (in Lords). Mr. Birrell. Mr. Sinclair. Postmaster-General (£2,500) . Mr. Buxton. Commissioner of Works (£2,000) Mr. Harcourt.

Modifications are possible in other posts, now held as follows:-

Secretary to the Admiralty Secretary to the Treasury . . . Mr. Robertson. 

Manchester (NW)

Mr. Kearley.

Under-Sec. Local Government (£1,200) . . . . . . . . . . . Dr. Macnamara. Mr. C. E. Hobhouse is expected to become Secretary to the Treasury. Probable new Under-Secretaries are Mr. M'Kinnon Wood and Mr. Masterman.

## PENDING ELECTIONS. SEVEN SEATS TO BE FILLED.

The reconstruction of the Ministry will necessitate four by-elections, while three vacancies have been created through other causes. The list of the majorities at the last election is as follows:

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The Radicals have decided not to contest West Derbyshire, and the probability is that the Earl of Kerry, the Unionist candidate, will be returned unopposed.

#### THE NORTH-WEST MANCHESTER CONTEST.

No by-election of recent times has awakened so much interest throughout Great Britain as that about to be held in the North-West Manchester constituency, where the Unionist candidate Mr. Joynson-Hicks will enter the lists against Mr. Winston Churchill. Reports received from London state that the Unionist candidate is inspiring his supporters with immense enthusiasm, while there is corresponding depression in the Radical ranks, which Mr. Churchill, who has journeyed to Manchester, will do his best to dissipate. In the fervent language of a London contemporary, "the election itself is an epoch-making event for the future of the Empire, and its welfare. Not only in the United Kingdom, but in our Empire beyond the seas, the attention of every citizen will be focussed upon this constituency." To further stimulate public interest several prominent Unionist organs are offering valuable prizes for a correct forecast of this important contest. That Mr. Winston Churchill will have no easy task in retaining his seat may be judged from the fact that at the General Election in 1906, when the tide of Radicalism was irresistibly sweeping the country, he only polled 5,639 votes against the 4,398 given to his opponent, Mr. Joynson-Hicks. Since those halcyon-days there is good reason to believe that the mass of the electorate has executed a decided volte-face, so that the pessimism prevailing in the Radical camp at Manchester has every justification.

## BRITISH DISTINCTIONS FOR GERMAN OFFICERS.

In connection with the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to Cologne, his Majesty King Edward has been pleased to confer the following distinctions: Major von Keudell, commander of the Cuirassier Regiment Graf Gessler No. 8, to be a C. V. O.; Captain König, of the 5th Rhenish Infantry Regiment No. 65, and Senior Lieutenant Süs of the Cuirassier Regiment No. 8, to be Knights of the same Order.

### THE CHANNEL TUNNEL.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Channel Tunnel Company, at the Charing Cross Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, Baron d'Erlanger mentioned that though £12,000 had been spent in promoting last year's Bill, the company had a balance of £25,000 in hand. It was clearly shown that there was no longer a belief in the possibility of invasion by the tunnel, but public sentiment had been roused against it. The Channel tunnel must, he concluded, abide its time and opportunity.

#### THE "TIGER" INQUIRY. FINDING OF THE COURT-MARTIAL.

The court-martial inquiry into the loss of the destroyer "Tiger" off St. Catherine's Point on April 2 ended at Portsmouth on Saturday evening, the court coming to the conclusion that blame for the disaster could be attributed to no one. The finding of the court was as under:-

"The court finds that no blame can be attributed to any surviving member of the crew of the 'Tiger'; that there is no evidence to show whe she altered her course to port instead of following her leader, and as there is no evidence on this point the court considers that no blame can be attributable to any deceased member of the 'Tiger's' crew.

"The court is, however, of the opinion that the 'Berwick' must have been visible from the 'Tiger' when she altered her course to port.

"The court further finds from the evidence it has had before it that no blame is attributable to any other person for this lamentable accident, and that there was not sufficient time, from the time of the 'Tiger' being sighted from the 'Berwick,' for the latter to have avoided or prevented the collision. The court further considers that when the collision was seen to be inevitable all proper steps were taken on board the 'Berwick' to lessen the shock of the collision and to save life."

#### APPEAL FOR HELP.

The Mayor of Portsmouth writes:-"In view of the sympathy evinced with the sufferers by the recent loss of H. M. S. "Tiger," and believing that the public will wish to afford some additional assistance to that which will be available from Government sources. I have opened a 'Naval Disaster Fund,' which, while primarily intended to assist the widows, children, and other dependents of those who lost their lives in this sad affair, will, if sufficient funds can be obtained, be immediately available to meet any claim which may arise should a similar disaster unfortunately occur. A public meeting has been convened for the purpose of furthering the object, and a committee will be formed for the proper administration of any funds which may be contributed."

#### THE "DREADNOUGHT'S" STEAMING. IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

The Western Morning News says the battleship "Dreadnought" has just accomplished a notable steaming performance, as the result of an important discovery in connection with her turbine machinery. After leaving Rosyth last week she steamed at an average speed 201/2 knots against the tide for twelve consecutive hours, only half a knot less than her designed speed. Her engineer officers succeeded in discovering an important development of power production in connection with her turbines, the effect of which is to augment considerably the speed obtained relatively to the power developed. The details of the discovery have been communicated to the Admiralty, but are being kept secret. It is confidently believed the plan will be applied to all vessels of the "Dreadnought" type.

## DIPLOMATIC CHANGE, LONDON.

According to the Dagens Nyheter, Sir Rennell Rodd, the British Minister in Stockholm, will leave his post in the autumn, and will be appointed British Ambassador to Italy.

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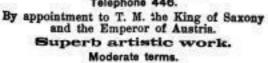
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