

St. James' Barracks, where it is understood they will be permanently quartered.

Barbados, Jan. 3rd. — The fire which had been burning in the 4th. and 5th. mounds of the S. S. Hydaspes since her arrival here on the 20th. ult., was extinguished on the 1st. inst. The Schooner Melanson Brothers, bound from Bordeaux, France, to Barbados, was wrecked off the East Point Lighthouse at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

Washington, Jan. 2nd. — President Wilson has signed the Bill containing the United States sugar control through nineteen twenty.

London, Jan. 1st. — In the New Year's Honours' List there figure as Privy Counsellors the names of the Hon. C. J. Donerty, Canadian Minister of Justice, the Hon. A. L. Sifton, Minister of Public Works and Sir Thomas White, former Minister of Finance. The two former were representatives at the Peace Conference while Sir Thomas White was acting Prime Minister. Among the Baronets is Sir Trevor Dawson, of Vickers Armament, and among the Knights Mr. James Buchanan, a millionaire distiller and sportsman who owned estates in British Colonies. It is understood that Mr. Sydney E. Walton, the well-known journalist, who was for some time associated with the Canadian Trade Commission in London, declined a knighthood. In the colonial list are, K. C. M. G., Dr. George Parkin, Secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Fund and formerly principal of Upper Canada College, Toronto; K. C. B. E., Sir Ernest Hatch, prominent in hospitality to Overseas officers and their relatives; C. B. E., the Hon. Alicia Cecil, the Hon. Caroline Governor, J. P. Joyce, Miss Grace Lerroy, who were associated with women's immigration and Lady Lucey Markham, prominent in the Overseas entertainment of workers.

Ottawa, Jan. 1st. — The New Year opens with several cabinet changes. Major Genl. Mawburn resigns the portfolio of Minister of Defence to become effective on January 15th. Mr. Arthur Sifton retires from the portfolio of Minister of Public Works and becomes Secretary of State and Mr. Martin Burrell resigned as Secretary of State to become Minister of Customs.

Nantes, France, Jan. 1st. — The barracks containing large stocks of ammunition were destroyed by fire here last night.

Honolulu, Jan. 1st. — A widespread revolt against the Japanese is imminent in Korea, according to the Tokio correspondent of the Honolulu Commercial Advertiser. The Japanese Chief of Police at Seoul, he declares, has documentary evidence to prove that Christian missionaries are supporting preparations for an uprising which has the warm approval of the Korean Prince Yiktangaa, now held practically a prisoner by the Japanese.

Washington, Jan. 1st. — The exchange of ratifications of the Versailles Treaty will have practically no immediate effect upon American trade with Germany, and will not alter the present commercial relation, it was said today in official circles so far as the United States Government is concerned anything from matches to six-inch guns may be shipped to Germany provided a purchaser can be found. The present rate of exchange is the principal obstacle to trade, officials said, and in an effort to improve the disastrous exchange rate, Germany has imposed rigid import regulations, as executive decrees, and owing to the change of the list from time to time the market is left in a state of uncertainty. At the present rate there are but few purchases of American goods.

London, Jan. 1st. Despatches from British India show that there has been considerable fighting between British expeditionary forces and revolting tribesmen, severe losses having been inflicted on the tribesmen, although the British were apparently put to a hard test in defeating them. A despatch dated December 18th states that a British column fighting against two thousand Mahsuds and another force composed of Warziris and Mahsuds who occupied a hill west of Jandola, captured the Sarkai Ridge, driving the tribesmen from their positions, upon which the British then pitched their camp. Airplanes followed the enemy, harassing them and causing numbers of casualties. The British losses in the encounter are described as light. A further despatch shows that the tribesmen counter-attacked and the British were compelled to retire, owing to heavy casualties, from a hill they previously had captured. This hill and the adjacent ridges from strategic points are essential to the safety of the British columns in their further progress. The battle continued throughout the following day, with the British having captured several of their objectives. The enemy's casualties are reported to have been heavy.

Paris, Dec. 31st. — M. Jean Dupuy, Director of the "Petit Parisien", and former president of the council of ministers, died here this afternoon after a short illness.

Berlin, Dec. 31st. — Prince Regent Alexander of Serbia and twenty-six others have been killed by an explosion of dynamite, according to a Belgrade despatch to the "Lokal Anzeiger". The cause of the explosion is unknown. More than fifty persons were injured.

London, Dec. 31st. — Lieut. Colonel Cuthbert James, Coalition Unionist, has been elected to the House of Commons for Bromley, Kent, by vote of 11,177 against 11,148 for Mr. Francis Lodges, Labourite.

Ottawa, Dec. 31st. — The Trade figures for the Dominion for the Year which closes today, when fully available, will

show the total trade as approximately 2,350,000,000 dollars.

London Jan. 1st. — The following appear among the list of the New Year honours conferred by His Majesty. Lieut. Col. C. R. M. O'Brien, Governor of Barbados, and Mr. S. W. Knaggs, late Colonial Secretary of Trinidad, to be Knights Commander of St. Michael and St. George. Mr. Reginald Gray, Bermuda, to be a Knight Bachelor, Mr. A. Hutchings, Grand Turk, has been awarded the King's Police Medal.

Stalybridge, Cheshire, Dec. 31st. — The first woman magistrate to preside in a court in England took her seat on the bench here. The Mayoress, Mrs. Ada Summers, was sworn in and heard cases.

Cairo Jan. 1st. — An air squadron is joining the punitive expedition against the Dinka tribesmen, who attacked a British column in the Upper Nile region early in December.

London, Dec. 31st. — British shipyards turned out shipping in excess of 1,800,000 tons for the year 1919 just ending, and orders in hand indicate that in 1920 the pre-war record in ship construction will probably be reached.

Paris, Dec. 31st. — The Internationalization of Constantinople and the Straits of the Dardanelles has been decided upon along the lines laid down by Mr. Lloyd George in a recent speech, according to the "Matin".

Paris, Jan. 1st. — Hava's Agency. The subscriptions to the National Loan have reached approximately nine billion lire, according to the "Temps".

Paris, Jan. 1st. — The floods continue unabated throughout France, giving increased anxiety. The Rhine, Rhone, Marie, Oise, Aisne, and Garonne have all largely overflowed, while the tributaries of the Seine continue to rise. The Seine is still nearly six feet below the maximum of January last year, but many quarters are flooded and navigation is reduced to almost nothing.

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