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South Australia.

LIEUT. OWEN SMYTH.

Sombre regret was expressed in the Govt. Service in Adelaide when it became known that a son of Mr. C. E. Smyth, O.M., Superintendant of Public Buildings, had been killed in action at the Dardanelles. Lieut. Owen Smyth was serving with the 10th Battalion of Infantry. He was educated at St. Peter’s College.

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LONDON, June 6.

Mr. Winston Churchill (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster) in an address on Saturday in defence of the operations at the Dardanelles while he held the post of First Lord of the Admiralty, said that Major-Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton's army on Gallipoli was 'the last ship afloat', and he pointed out that the relief fleet under Adm. John Michael de Robeck, separated by only a few miles, had achieved a victory such as the war had never seen elsewhere. When he spoke of a victory, he was not referring to the taking of trenches which crowded down to the sea, but he was speaking of a victory in the sense of a formidable fact which would shape the destinies of nations and shorten the duration of the war.

"Beyond those few miles of ridge and scrub on which our French comrades, our gallant Australian and New Zealand, follow-subjects are fighting," he said, "lies the destruction of the enemy's fleet and army, the fall of a world-famous capital, and the probable accession of even powerful allies. The struggle will entail heavy risks and will mean enormous losses and cost; but victory is the all-important thing. There was a great subsidiary operation in which more complete harmony was the strategic, political, and economic advantages were combined, or which stood in the centre of the theatre of war. Through the Narrows of the Dardanelles and across the ridges of the Gallipoli Peninsula, he became the shortest paths to triumph and to peace. We are confronted with a foe who, without the signature of our allies, would export to the Indian, Persian, and child—by any method open to him—till he was to be enslaved or destroyed."

"Not to win a decisive victory is to lose all the misery over again, and an easy task to suffer under less favorable circumstances, and perhaps after. As it is, we have lost the strategic peace until the German military system has been shattered, torn, and trampled upon, so that it will be unable to resume our will, decision, and conquering power."

Mr. Churchill concluded: "As above, all of us are entitled to the assurance of our dominions and colonies vindicated in our determination. The last of our enemies proves the effectiveness of our warfare. "If you are anxious and depressed, you should watch Australia and New Zealand, in this last and finest crusade, shaping the future of the world. The problem to which the world has been engaged is not, as a general rule, and Turkey. You should see Gen. Bonar Law, holding South Africa for the King, or you should witness the success of our own defense of the death the last few miles of scattered Belgium. Then across the smoke and carnage which is the price of victory, look forward to the vision of a United British Empire on the calm background of liberated Europe."

"The nation must bend anew, and work together for a supreme effort. The time has come when we need the need of the hour. The agony which Europe is feeling now is not, but the might of Great Britain, harried unceasingly into the struggle, will be irresistible. We are the great reserve of the Allied cause. That reserve must march on to victory as one man. (Applause)."