

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The House of Commons had a full house on the opening of Parliament after the Christmas recess. The big attraction, of course, was Mr Hore Belisha, due to speak after his resignation from the War Office. . As was generally anticipated, the event passed off in perfect harmony --- without a single tit-bit for enemy propaganda.

QUEEN MARY.

Queen Mary has made fewer public appearances since the beginning of the war, but here is an occasion when her gracious figure was seen again. Her Majesty paid a visit to the Middlesex War Hospital to inspect war-time arrangements.

SIR JOHN SIMON.

Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressed a huge audience during his visit to Glasgow and among other things he discussed ~~neutralities~~ ^{would support}.

GRAF SPEE MERCHANT CAPTAINS.

A liner returning to a British port brought home some of the merchant captains ~~who were prisoners on board~~ ^{from} the Graf Spee. They were Captain Dove of the Africa Shell, Captain Edwards of Trevanion and Captain Pottinger of the Ashleigh.

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