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**THE BRITISH CABINET.**

Reports from London state that a split in the Cabinet is imminent on the question of conscription. If such a misfortune should occur it will be the result of the political intrigues with which the question has been mixed up. It was generally agreed that when Lord Derby's help was invoked the voluntary system was facing the supreme trial. Before the scheme was started Premier Asquith announced that if the single men, eligible for service, did not volunteer in sufficient numbers, then the government would be obliged to resort to some form of conscription. Married men who enrolled under the Derby scheme were assured that they would only be called on after the single men had first been called out. The response of the married men was all that could be desired and in excess of what was expected. It showed that so far as they were concerned they were ready and willing to discharge their whole duty to the country. The single men, in spite of the campaign that was waged and all the appeals that were made to them, have still held back. Just what other alternative the government has before it in view of the Premier's announcement and the country's urgent necessity, it is difficult to see. On grounds of economy, as well as of justice, the government cannot sacrifice the married men to shelter the single blacklegs. All kinds of extreme influences are being brought to bear on the question, and no doubt many ulterior objects are being served. Nevertheless the voluntary system has resulted in the creation of many inequalities where a common purpose was to be served and a common duty had to be discharged. Moreover the needs of the country are more urgent than ever, and the safety and security of the Empire yet to be achieved. The power and strength

of the enemy has not been abated, and he is still threatening fresh dangers at new points. The young single men who have held back through sixteen months of fighting have been told that unless they rose to their country's need they would be compelled to serve. The politicians who are now threatening to disrupt the government are merely sheltering these men, and confirming them in their slackness. It is surely a strange situation, and it is fervently to be hoped that Premier Asquith's coming announcement will save the day.

**THE ATHLETIC CLUB.**

Another and a determined attempt is to be made to put the Athletic Club on its feet, and it is to be hoped that it will succeed. It deserves to succeed and there is no reason why it should not do so. As we remarked a few days ago the club has fallen upon evil days, the real cause of which is the dwindling away of its membership. Many causes have contributed to its loss of membership, and generally it may be said that the club has been pursued by misfortune. There has been from time to time an acute factional spirit in Nanaimo, and the club more than any other institution has suffered from its effects. The result has been that it has never perhaps possessed the membership it should have. It should be possible to make it a social home for the youth of Nanaimo. This is one of the functions it should discharge together with the promotion of clean sport. It should be the rallying centre of all the games and pastimes played in Nanaimo and district. This is the object which President Freeman and the new officers and management board elected with him have placed before them. Their first care will be to put the Club on a sound financial basis. It should support itself through its membership, and as soon as the board of management can show this it can then ask for a liberal measure of public support. The board therefore is organizing a campaign to secure 250 members. This would mean an income of one hundred and twenty-five dollars a month, and with this the Club could carry on for the present. With an energetic band of workers under him President Freeman should surely be able to recruit this number. It would be a misfortune for the city if the club were to go under, and it is to be hoped that the efforts of the new board will meet with instant success. We trust all the old friends of the club will come to its aid and help the new board of management to preserve an institution which is capable of doing so much for the benefit of the youth of the city.

**FAREWELL RECEPTION.**

Victoria, Dec. 29.—Sir Richard McBride was tendered a reception by the citizens of this city today to commemorate his departure from the province to assume the duties of agent-general for British Columbia in London. The reception took the form of a luncheon, and it was given in the Empress Hotel at 1 o'clock this afternoon, held under the auspices of the Board of Trade. Representing the business interests of the city, Colonel E. G. Prior proposed the toast to Sir Richard, and the mayor, representing the citizens, supplemented it.

**"Divine Sarah" Mending.**

Andros, France, Dec. 29.—Sarah Bernhardt left here today for Paris on her way to London, where it is expected she will recite, "The Cathedral," which she does seated in a chair. She recovered from her severe attack of bronchitis.

**Chicago Has \$250,000 Fire.**

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fire destroyed a six-story building at Wabash avenue and Randolph street early today causing a loss of \$250,000. The building was occupied by F. E. Foster & Co., shoe dealers and other firms.

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Washington, Dec. 29.—Steps to get milk to thousands of babies in Germany and Austria-Hungary, who are without a supply, have been taken by the state department. It was announced today that at the request of charitable institutions in the United States, Secretary Lansing has instructed Ambassadors Page and Sharp, at London and Paris respectively, to inquire whether the British and French governments will permit shipment of condensed milk to Germany and Austria-Hungary for distribution to infants under the direction of the American Red Cross.

## LANSING MAKES DENIAL

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary Lansing today formally denied published statements that the real purpose of the visit to Europe of Col. E. M. House was to settle differences between Ambassador Page, at London on the one hand, and Ambassadors Gerard and Penfield, at Berlin and Vienna respectively, on the other.

## CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Last midnight's casualty list reported four men dead three seriously ill; three wounded and one suffering from shock.

**DANGEROUSLY ILL.**  
J. H. Courtenay, St. Thomas, 5th Battalion.

**WOUNDED.**  
Frederick Birch, Nutana, Sask. 18th Battalion.

**KILLED IN ACTION.**  
Sergt. John Lawson, Scotland. 14th Battalion.

**DIED OF WOUNDS.**  
A. C. N. Ray, England. 28th Battalion.

**WOUNDED.**  
A. M. Waugh, England. 31st Battalion.

**WOUNDED.**  
John McGuire, Scotland. 36th Battalion.

**SERIOUSLY ILL.**  
Ben Wright, England. 60th Battalion.

**SERIOUSLY ILL.**  
Richard Cummings, England. 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles.

**SHELL SHOCK, NOW ON DUTY.**  
Sergt. C. S. Killick, England. 1st Dragoons.

**KILLED IN ACTION.**  
Sergt. Percy J. Highley, England. Reserve Artillery Brigade.

**DIED.**  
Wm. Cooper, Scotland.

**HERMANN BERNSTEIN LEAVES FORD PARTY**

Stockholm, Dec. 29.—Hermann Bernstein has withdrawn from the Ford peace party and has departed for The Hague, en route to the United States.

The peace ship Oscar II will sail for Copenhagen tomorrow.

Members of the Ford party gave a banquet at the Grand Hotel last night to the members of the Swedish entertainment committee. Mayon Lindhagen was among the speakers. He said in part:

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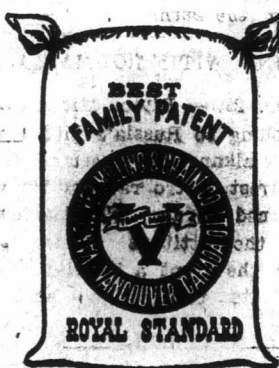
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## VANCOUVER LIBERALS SELECT MACDONALD AGAINST TISDALL

Mr. M. A. Macdonald, president of the Provincial Liberal Association, was the unanimous choice of the Liberal convention Tuesday night to oppose Hon. C. E. Tisdall in the forthcoming Vancouver by-election. His name, in fact, was the only one considered by the convention, for at the outset Mr. Ralph Smith asked that his own name be withdrawn in favor of the five younger men with him nominated last March in view of a general election, while Mr. J. W. deB. Farris, the only other candidate whose name has been mentioned as a possibility for the by-election, only waited for the name of Mr. Macdonald to be presented before he stood up and moved that the nomination be made unanimous.

Mr. Macdonald, who is a native of Bruce County, Ontario, is in his 41st year. He is a barrister by profession, associated with the firm of Russell, Macdonald, & Hancox, and has been for the past three years president of the Liberal Association of British Columbia.

There were 285 delegates present at the convention in Dominion Hall, presided over by Mr. Charles E. Campbell.

The engagement is announced of Louise, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. B. Macready of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and granddaughter of the late James Bennett, D. D., of St. John N. B. to Arthur College Bearisto, son of Mrs. Arthur Bearisto of Charlottetown, and grandson of the late Hon. Justice William Hope. The marriage will take place quietly in Charlottetown the latter part of January.

## BLIZZARD IN MONTANA

Helena, Mont., Dec. 29.—The first severe cold this season was experienced here today, with the temperature two above zero and a strong wind blowing from the north. The storm is in the nature of a blizzard with a light snow falling. Reports to the government weather bureau here indicate the cold wave is general throughout the state. Butte's street thermometers showed ten degrees below zero.

## SUGGESTS CONVOY FOR LINERS

Paris, Dec. 29.—Ernest Outrey, deputy for Cochon-Chine, has announced that he will ask the minister of marine in the Chamber of Deputies if, in view of the sinking of the French steamer Ville de la Ciotat, the minister does not think it necessary to convoy liners in the Mediterranean in order to prevent repetitions of such catastrophes.

## BATTALION A MONTH

St. John, N.B., Dec. 29.—New Brunswick is now enlisting men at the rate of a battalion each month. Captain Tilley, special recruiting officer for the province, announces that from Sept. 4 to Dec. 18, a total of 3,485 men have enlisted, an average of almost 1100 a month.

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