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Compulsory Service.

The similarity in so many respects of the positions of Canada and Newfoundland lends additional emphasis to the example which the former has given us in its adoption of compulsory military service. We must keep the subject continually before us until our own Parliament decides definitely whether or not the example is to be followed here. For that decision must be made at once and by that body. We see welcome indications that a truly national government may yet be formed at the eleventh hour. We fervently hope that we are not deceived, that the needed infusion of fresh energy and fresh energy into our lethargic do-nothing government will be made and that the vigorous action that the situation demands will follow.

The army and navy are the first proper objects of such energy and action. We were glad to have the views of the Herald on the subject yesterday. Touching the explanation it gives of the real reason why the last draft of volunteers at Ayr had to be trained so rapidly—the delay in sending over the Windsor contingent—we agree with what it says, but the explanation seems to us only a half one. If recruiting had before then been anything approaching what it should have been, the delaying of one draft would not have had these consequences. That particular matter, however, is now under investigation, where we can leave it for the present.

The Herald also states briefly the greatest difficulty in the way of the general compulsory plan—a far more important matter—namely, the severe tax it would impose upon our fisheries and other essential industries. We are quite aware of this, but because this view, if left at that, might encourage a misunderstanding that too plainly and widely exists, we will examine it more fully. It seems impossible for the average mind, when the word "conscription" is mentioned, to escape an impression of a universal press-gang, a vision of the entire eligible manhood of the country under arms and away from home. This is wholly incorrect, but it is easy to appreciate the objections it will raise in the mind that conceives it. Large part of the misconception was removed in the United States by the simple use, in preference, of the term "selective conscription." We could go a step further and call the proposed measure merely selection. The voluntary system is one of selection, and a more unjust selection it would be impossible to devise. It is based on a sentimental idea, almost exclusively an English idea, which England long since, as these rapid times go, found to be utterly fallacious. America saw this so clearly that at the very outset she threw the idea overboard and adopted conscription. It is almost an axiom of the voluntary system, for it is inevitable, that the best men will offer and the worst will not. It follows that the best men, since they are probably best in other respects also, are the most missed. England, for instance, suffered immensely in the beginning because thousands of men, who had the brains to be experts in all branches of essential work, had also the brains and honesty to see their duty. They enlisted, and the country lost more than it gained thereby.

It is not too much to say that the compulsory system is actually designed to meet the very difficulties usually urged against it. Many parts of Newfoundland have suffered more or less severely through the withdrawal to the ranks of their young men. Others

have not so suffered at all. To take an example near to us, Portugal Cove has, we believe, sent every man who was fit. Other settlements as large, within an easy day's journey of it, have hardly contributed a man. Could any system produce greater injustice? Yet this comparison can be duplicated in scores of other places. This sort of thing should not be, and must not be permitted longer.

There is not the slightest need for the fisheries or anything else to suffer. Unless the war outlasts all expectations, it will be easy to keep the Regiment at strength without affecting any industry to a measurable extent. All that is needed is to give the authorities the necessary power to make the selection which the country itself will not make. It is not a difficult task; it is comparatively easy. The Recruiting Committee know very exactly both what are the needs and what have been the contributions of every little village in the island. Given the power, they could produce in short time a couple of Regiments composed of men who, from every conceivable point of view, ought to be in khaki. What is more, the country knows this. What is still more, the country, we are convinced, is ready for it and would welcome it. The Government, as at present constituted, has shown a complete inability to realize this; it furnishes one of the most cogent reasons for a coalition. There are, let us be thankful, several at least in the number of the Opposition who know the temper of the people and have not formed so contemptible an opinion of it as to fear, as the Government have feared, to remind their constituents of their plain duty.

Prohibition Case Continued.

The further hearing of the charge preferred against a city manufacturer for violating the Prohibition Act was continued before Mr. Morris, J.P., this forenoon. Another female employee of the defendant gave evidence, as well as the Government Analyst. When the case for the prosecution was presented through Lawyers Hunt and Dunfield, Mr. Gibbs, K.C., on behalf of the defendant considered it unnecessary to go into the defence because there was no evidence before the court to sustain the charge that his client had manufactured Beer, Iron and Wine within the past six months. Mr. Hunt argued that there was considerable evidence and conclusive proof, notably from the testimony of the employees of the defendant, showing that the latter had manufactured Beer, Iron and Wine during the period mentioned. The Judge stated that the question was whether there was sufficient evidence to make it necessary for the defendant to state his case, and he intimated that he would weigh the evidence before him and determine on the matter Monday next.

Schooner Dismantled.

CREW SAFE.
Deputy Minister of Customs LeMessurier received the following message this morning from La Scie:—"A fishing schooner of 45 tons, dismantled and abandoned, was picked up and taken to Ming" by R. McDonald on Saturday, June 30th. Have no name of schooner. Reported crew landed in White Bay."

McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, July 7th, 1917.
We have just received a shipment of Dr. Chase's goods, and are now prepared to supply Chase's Nerve Food, Chase's Ointment, Chase's Linseed and Turpentine, and Chase's Liver Cure. Nyala-Eas-em is sold by general consent one of the best foot powders and in cases of burning, tired or perspiring feet quickly allays the irritation and permanently relieves the condition. Price 25 cents a tin.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 8 p.m. yesterday.
The Clyde arrived at Lewisporte at 7 a.m. yesterday.
The Dundee reached Port Blandford at 11.45 p.m. yesterday.
The Ethie left Flower's Cove at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, going north.
The Glencoe left Placentia at 2.45 a.m. to-day.
The Home arrived at Lewisporte at 10.15 a.m. yesterday.
The Thetis reached George's Island yesterday.
The Wren left Hillview at 10.50 a.m. yesterday, outward.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind E. light, weather dull preceded by a fog. Bar. 29.50; ther. 64.

RESERVISTS ON LEAVE.—Sixteen Naval Reservists, who are coming home on furlough, are due to arrive in the city by the express Monday next. No doubt an enthusiastic reception will be given them.

To-Day's Messages.
10.00 A.M.

LONDON, To-day.
(By Reuter's Ottawa Agency). Perry Robinson writes from British headquarters that after surveying the results of a year it can now be confessed that there were doubts as to the new British armies but this disquieting has vanished as the new men have proved not once but a hundred times that they are superior to the Germans. We are confident to-day, he states, that the new armies are made of better men and are better composed than the German forces.

SCENE BETWEEN GOMPERS AND ROOSEVELT.

NEW YORK, To-day.
A denial by Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, that the Trades Unions had any share in the East St. Louis riots which was met by vehement denunciation by Theodore Roosevelt of the murder of the helpless negroes precipitated a tumultuous demonstration at a mass meeting held at Garnier Hall here in honor of the Russian Mission to the United States. Roosevelt was interrupted by Gompers who rose from his seat and approached the former President, "Why don't you accuse after an investigation?" the Labor Leader demanded. With these words he returned to his seat. Col. Roosevelt strove over to his chair and exclaimed, "Mr. Gompers, why don't I accuse afterward? I'll answer now, when murder is to be answered." With that the Colonel brought down on Gompers' shoulder his left hand which he had raised above his head. At this juncture many men on the platform leaped to their feet and there was a storm of hissing from all parts of the house. When Roosevelt could make himself heard above the din he went on: "I will go to any extreme to bring justice to his murder I will put him down." When Roosevelt had finished Gompers evidently stirred to rise and make a rejoinder, but was pushed back in his seat by those who were near him. While Mayor Mitchell, who presided, pounded vigorously with his gavel in an effort to restore order, several minutes elapsed before it was possible to introduce Boris Bakmetieff, Russian Ambassador, and continue the meeting. As the excitement subsided Roosevelt and Gompers found themselves sitting side by side.

LATEST!

BIG RAID ON LONDON.
LONDON, To-day.
About twenty enemy airplanes bombarded London to-day, according to an official statement by the War Office.

SUB. SINKS SUB.

PARIS, To-day.
The submarine Uranie was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-boat in the Mediterranean on June 19th, according to an official announcement. All officers and part of her crew perished. Nine men were saved. The normal complement of the Uranie before the war was 27.

KAISER IN VIENNA.

ZURICH, To-day.
A despatch from Vienna says the German Emperor and Empress arrived in the Austrian capital yesterday morning. They were met at the station by Emperor Charles and Empress Zita.

DISTURBANCE AT THE HAGUE.

THE HAGUE, To-day.
A crowd of workmen led by a revolutionary Socialist tried yesterday to start a demonstration in front of the Parliament Buildings. Mounted police and cavalry broke up the crowd.

FOREIGN TROOPS IN CHINA.

LONDON, To-day.
A despatch to the Post from Tien Tsin says that 300 Japanese, French, American and British troops going to Peking to reinforce the legation guards arrived at Lang Chang which is not far from Peking. Before fighting between Imperialists and Republicans began the General in charge of the Republican forces urged them to withdraw ten miles to rear, owing to danger from the fighting.

STRAW FOR SALE
AT
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July 7, 1917.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is calm and dull; temperature 40 to 58 above.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Our Volunteers.

The following recruits offered for the Mtd. Regiment yesterday:

- Henry Giffett, Garfield, F.B.
 - Thomas Harris, Great Harbor, F.B.
 - Stewart Pope, Fogo.
 - Joseph Offrey, Port au Choix.
 - George E. Cook, Trinity East.
 - J. W. Parsons, Freshwater, C.B.
 - Thomas Parsons, Great Hr., F.B.
 - Charles Ryan, Casey St., St. John's.
- The volunteers and foresters will parade this afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Corporal Oscar Vaughan.

Casualty List.

Received July 6th, 1917.
FORESTRY BATTALION.
Dangerously Ill, Pneumonia, Perth War Hospital.

8072—Private John Walsh, 130 George Street.

Received July 7th, 1917.
Died of Wounds at Festungs Lazarett, Cologne, Germany, May 1.—Buried at St.riedhof, Cologne.

2298—Private Albert Horwood, Hr. Grabe.

Coalition Government

ALLEGED TO BE FINALIZED.
The House of Assembly remained in session only a half hour yesterday afternoon, the obvious reason of the early adjournment being to give ample time during the evening to both political parties to discuss further the question of coalition.

Petitions were presented on various public matters by Messrs. Stone, Abbott and Targett.
The Resolutions respecting a three billion dollar loan for Army and Navy purposes went through Committee and a Bill giving them effect will be introduced on Monday next.
The Bill relating to the exportation of pit props cut since the beginning of the year also passed Committee.

Other items on the Order Paper were deferred.
We understand that a delegation from the Government and Opposition ranks again discussed terms for a coalition ministry. The proposal of the Opposition were entertained by the Government, we hear, and a National Government was finally decided on. What is alleged to be part of the cause of the delay in coming to a settlement was that some of the Coakerite members claimed they were more entitled to an Executive seat than the one their President nominated. This nominee contested the District of St. John's West for the Liberal-Union Party in 1913. This petty grievance, however, was adjusted and coalition is now said to be an accomplished fact.

A Graceful Act

Next week the ladies of the W.P.A. are going to hold a flower day for the benefit of the French Red Cross Association. This is the very least we could do for the gallant and chivalrous heroes who turned back the tide of German barbarism at the Marne and saved Britain and civilization. Many cities in the States are adopting the children and dependents of certain towns in France, and guaranteeing to clothe and educate them for the services rendered civilization by their brave fathers and brothers. We in Newfoundland ought not to be behind our American cousins in generosity. Of course our means are limited, but notwithstanding, we should make a great effort to help the French widows and orphans.

Every school-child could be taught to exercise the gift of charity by buying a bunch of flowers. Many people will say we have room enough here to exercise our charity but it is a poor brand that ends as well as begins at home.

It is a graceful act of our local ladies to do this much for our gallant French allies, and every man, woman and child in the city should help to swell the funds by purchasing a bouquet from the flower-girls on the Flower-Day-for-France which occurs next week.

Whole Family Burned to Death.

Father and Mother and Six Children Victims of Fire in Their Home.
Madison, Me., June 30.—George B. Rowe, aged 37, his wife 33, and their six children ranging in age from 1 to 13 years, were burned to death early to-day in a fire which destroyed their home at Anson near here. None of the occupants of the house escaped.

Investigation failed to show evidence of foul play and the county medical examiner decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Buy a bottle of Stafford's Phorotone Cough Cure for 25c. and receive a numbered ticket. See advertisement.—may 1, 17

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in all sizes

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