

UNMARRIED MEN 18 TO 41 LIABLE TO MILITARY SERVICE

COMPULSORY SERVICE BILL DOES NOT APPLY TO IRELAND; ASQUITH ANNOUNCES

ASQUITH INTRODUCES BILL TO CALL CERTAIN CLASSES TO COLORS

All Males Between Ages of Eighteen and Forty-One or Widowers with Children Dependent Upon Them Liable for Military Service—Premier Asquith Declares that Bill Can be Supported by Opponents of Conscription.

London, Jan. 5.—Under the terms of the compulsory military service bill, introduced in the House of Commons today, all males between the ages of eighteen and forty-one who are bachelors or widowers without children dependent upon them, are liable for military service.

Ireland is excluded from the terms of the measure.

The largest assemblage of members since the war began faced Premier Asquith. Many members obtained leave to return from the front so that they might be able to vote on the compulsion bill. Earl Derby who conducted the re-

cruting campaign, was in the Peers' gallery.

Premier Asquith said that no case had been made out for general compulsion and that the bill he was introducing could be supported by those opposed to conscription.

The bill, Premier Asquith continued, was limited specifically to the redemption of the promise he had made publicly to the married men. This pledge had been given at the time when overwhelming evidence had been submitted to him that married men who were willing and anxious to serve, were holding back in large numbers.

Premier Asquith said he was unable after making the largest possible hypothetical deduction to consider the number of unrecruited single men as anything but substantial and considerable amount. He added that Sir John Simon, whose resignation as Home Secretary was announced yesterday, thought the figures might be reduced to an inestimable quantity. If he had shaped this view, Mr. Asquith said, the present contingency would not have arisen, but he could not think that. The primary obligation was to keep faith at all costs with the married men.

Mr. Asquith said exemptions from service could be claimed under the terms of the bill on the same grounds as the Derby plan. The grounds of exemption include conscientious objection to performing military service. Other grounds for exemption from service, the Premier said, included ill health, physical infirmity, necessity to support dependent persons and the fact of being engaged on work of national importance.

Premier Asquith opened his address with an analysis of the figures in the Derby report. He emphasized the fact that during the Derby campaign nearly 5,000,000 men had offered their services. Even deducting those rejected on the ground of physical disability, the total was still in excess of 2,500,000.

BAD WRECK C.P.R. NEAR MOOSE JAW

Fireman Lagrue, Moose Jaw, and Two Passengers Killed—Engine Pinned Under Engine

Moose Jaw, Sask., Jan. 5.—In one of the worst wrecks that have taken place within recent years C.P.R. local passenger train Regina to Moose Jaw, plunged into the Tri-City express eastbound shortly after ten o'clock Tuesday night with the result that Fireman Lagrue of Moose Jaw, of the Tri-City express, and two unidentified passengers were killed. Serious injuries were sustained by three other passengers while nine more are slightly injured. The engine lies pinned to the earth under his engine despite frantic efforts to move him.

The two passenger trains collided in the midst of one of the most severe storms which have visited this district in years. The switchman at the east end switch of the main Moose Jaw yard is held responsible and has been placed under arrest.

SHEVLIN ESTATE \$3,500,000

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 5.—The will of the late Thomas L. Shevlin, former Yale football star, who died here last week after a brief illness, has been filed for probate. The entire estate, the estimated value of which is \$3,500,000, is left to the widow and two children.

ANOTHER AMERICAN LOST ON THE PERSIA

London, Jan. 5.—The American Embassy here has received a report saying that the Rev. Homer R. Salisbury, an American, was a passenger on the liner Persia, which was sunk in the Mediterranean, but that he was not included among the survivors.

ENROLLING INDUSTRIES

London, Jan. 5.—Minister of Munitions David Lloyd George announced today that 396 additional establishments had been enrolled under the control of the Ministry since January 1st. This makes a total of 2,422 controlled establishments.

CANADA CLOSED YEAR STRONG FINANCIALLY

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Canada closed the first calendar year of the war in an exceptionally strong financial position. The trade of the Dominion continues to show large expansion in the export column, thus changing the former old adverse trade balance into a favorable balance which is of special economic importance for purposes of war financing. The measures announced by the Minister of Finance in his last budget for restoring the revenues from Customs and other sources which have suffered during the first few months of war have produced results which exceed even the estimate given to Parliament by the Minister. The statement of Customs revenues for the last month of 1915, illustrates a marked degree the working out of the war budget. During the month of December last year the customs revenue fell to \$4,818,798.75. This was during a period of severe trade disorganization when the revenues of Canada were falling at the rate of a million a month. The Customs revenue for the month just closing amounts to \$9,432,654.92, an increase of \$4,613,856.17 or nearly one hundred per cent. During the nine months of the fiscal year, that is from April 1st to the end of the calendar year, the revenues have increased by no less than \$12,891,984.99, as compared with the corresponding period in the previous year. The total revenue for the nine months of this year is \$58,329,615.34 as against \$71,721,303.93.

WOUNDED CANADIAN MARRIED TO NURSE

Folkstone, Jan. 4.—An interesting military wedding took place at Sellin, Kent, when Pte. Arthur Vesey Hill, of New Westminster, 7th battalion, was married to Miss Estella Wallace, of Lindsay, Ont., a member of the nursing staff of Mrs. Fleming's Canadian Convalescent Hospital.

The bridegroom was wounded at Ypres, with the 7th, of which his cousin, Colonel Odium, is O. C. He is now attached to the Pay and Record Office at Westminster. The bride was given away by Lieut. Charles Fleming and Miss Jean Fleming was bridesmaid. Corp. Sydney Fletcher was the best man. A guard of honor was lined up outside the church, and a reception was given by Mrs. Fleming after the ceremony.

The hospital has now more than fifty patients, among whom is Corp. Hyatt, of Sherbrooke, a member of the Canadian veterinary corps, who is suffering from a kick of a mule. He says the corps has plenty to do, notwithstanding the idleness of the cavalry.

EMPLOYER SAW TRAGIC DETAILS IN HIS DREAMS

Phoned Home Following Day and Was Informed of Happening—As He Saw It

Strathmore, Alta., Jan. 5.—The death of George Smith, killed here in a runaway a few days ago while hauling a load of straw, was revealed in every detail to his employer, Mr. O. Miller, in a dream while in Calgary, according to Mr. Miller who has just returned here.

Mr. Miller had a dream, after the death of his son, and the whole scene came before his vision. On telephoning home the next morning from Calgary, he was horrified to learn that what he saw in his dream had actually happened.

TWO YEARS FOR ROBBERY

Samia, Jan. 5.—George Williams, the young man who robbed two stores and held up a man on Christmas morning, has been sentenced to two years less one day at the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph. He pleaded guilty at the time of his trial. He was arrested by officers Dawswell and McLean, who tracked him for several miles in the snow.

Lord Derby Declares Difficult to State Who Should Not be Called

London, Jan. 5.—The Earl of Derby's report on the recruiting campaign from October 23rd to December 11th presented to Parliament states that over two and one half million men in England, Scotland and Wales enrolled themselves, of whom about one million one hundred thousand are available to bear arms, after those engaged in indispensable industries and the medical unit are weeded out. Earl Derby says of the many difficulties met, the unreliability of stalling as distinguishing between those who should and should not be called to the army is the greatest. Lord Derby comments

on the "abundance of evidence of the determination to see the war through to a successful conclusion." He is "very distinctly of the opinion that it will not be possible to hold married men to their abstention unless and until the service of single men has been obtained by other means, the present system having failed to bring them to the colors."

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TREAT PRISONERS AS GERMANS DO

French Government to be Asked to Adopt the Course to Bring Prisoners to France

Paris, Jan. 5.—The Parisian Chamber of Deputies today adopted a resolution to ask the German Government to adopt the course to bring prisoners to France. The resolution is guaranteed by "L'Œuvre du Vêtement du Prisonnier de Guerre." It is not only the shortage of food which is complained of, but the actual ill-treatment and cruelty inflicted on the prisoners. The entire subject of the treatment of prisoners is to be brought up in the Chamber by M. Raoul Peret, the budget reporter. M. Peret intends to ask the government to adopt a strong reciprocal attitude and to treat the German prisoners in France exactly as the French prisoners are treated in Germany. M. Peret is of opinion that this is the only way by which the German government can be made to adopt more humane measures.

WAS MISSIONARY DROWNED?

Kalamazoo, Mich., Jan. 5.—Dr. L. H. Cook, a medical missionary, fiancé of Rev. John H. Warnshuis, of Kalamazoo, was a passenger on the steamer Persia, which was sunk last week in the Mediterranean. Mr. Warnshuis fears she was drowned. Miss Cook, whose home is in Scotland, was on her way to Bombay. She had called Mr. Warnshuis that she would advise him of her arrival in India. No word has been received from her since the steamer was lost. Dr. Cook and Mr. Warnshuis became acquainted when both were engaged in mission work in India.

DONATES MACHINE GUN TO 74TH BATTALION

John D. Ross Stipulates that After War Gun is to be Returned to Brandon

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Lieutenant-Colonel J. Kirkcaldy received a check for \$1,000 from John D. Ross, a wealthy farmer of Brandon, with which to purchase a machine gun for the Seventy-fourth battalion. The only condition attached is that the gun or a similar one be placed in Brandon after the war as a relic of the Seventy-fourth's achievements. This is the fourth gun purchased for this popular battalion by private subscription.

DEPARTS WITH AEROPLANE

Paris, Jan. 5.—A German aviation lieutenant, accompanied by his mechanic, departed with an aeroplane, says the Calais correspondent of the Excelsior. They flew over the Dutch border, being greeted by volleys from the frontier guards, and landed at the village of Aardenburg. They have been interned at Flushing.

DURATION OF WAR DEPENDS ON BRITISH MUNITIONS WORKERS

David Lloyd George in Urging Passage of Amendment to Munitions Act, Declares Successful Conclusion of War this Year Depends on British Workmen Setting Aside Conditions, Throwing Themselves Into Work and Sticking to Workshops—Workers Alone Can Achieve Victory for Empire and Human Race

London, Jan. 5.—The House of Commons today passed a bill to facilitate the output of munitions. This was in the form of an amendment to the Munitions Act.

In appealing for the passage of the measure David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, said: "I hope the House of Commons will not render more difficult the task of turning out munitions, a task more serious than I dare tell."

"Everything depends upon it. The length of the war depends upon it. Everything depends upon whether we turn out munitions in sufficient quantities to bring the campaign to an end this year."

"But I can tell what the result will be if they do. They and they alone will achieve victory for this Empire and the human race, and will reflect credit upon the labor movement."

WANT WOMEN TO VOTE ON LIQUOR REFERENDUM

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—That the women ought to be authorized to vote by declaration at the forthcoming prohibition referendum, is the opinion of the Social Service Council officers. Vote by declaration would avoid the necessity for registration, which, according to the government claims, would take too long and delay the referendum.

Rev. J. N. McLean, secretary of the council, said: "There is really no legal or valid objection to the women being allowed to vote on the referendum. The women will be enfranchised at the coming session, and could be given the right to vote by declaration on all matters that come up between now and the next session of the voters' list."

"There is a precedent for this voting by declaration. Men voted by declaration in the referendum of 1902, while men also were allowed to vote by declaration in the Alberta referendum last year."

CORONER'S JURY NAMES MURDERER

Death of A. Mastagh at Cypress River Investigated—Gunshot Caused Fatality

Cypress River, Jan. 5.—"We find that the deceased came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted by Alldor Nysson, or Stokes, and we find the said Alldor Nysson or Stokes guilty of murder."

This was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury which investigated the circumstances attending the death of A. Mastagh, a farmer in the district, who was shot on New Year's night.

Alldor Nysson, commonly known in the district as Stokes, who was Mastagh's hired man, was arrested shortly after the tragedy. He gave evidence at the inquest, and after the verdict, was re-committed to jail, where he will be held for the preliminary trial to be held at Cypress River in a few days.

Evidence was given by six witnesses, and the enquiry was conducted by Dr. Loughheed, coroner of the southern judicial district.

J. D. McGREGOR SELLS CATTLE MANITOBA COLLEGE

A consignment of pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus cattle have gone forward from the farm of J. D. McGregor to the Manitoba Agricultural College. The lot consisted of two mature cows and four heifers. Prof. F. S. Jacobs, of the college animal husbandry department, made the selection last week when Kenneth McGregor was home from Iowa, and believes he has a lot of heifers that cannot be equalled in any herd in America.

The heifers were reserved by Mr. McGregor for show purposes and to strengthen his herd. All have been bred to the best stock bulls, and will form the nucleus of the college herd of black cattle.

CASUALTIES AT LOOS

London, Jan. 5.—British casualties in the battle of Loos, France, last September, totalled 2,378 officers and 57,388 men, according to an announcement made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War.

The table showing killed and missing by officers and other ranks follows:

Officers	Other Ranks
Killed . . . 773	10,245
Wounded . . . 1,223	38,095
Missing . . . 317	8,048
Totals . . . 2,378	57,388

On giving the foregoing figures Tennant said it was impossible to separate the casualties in the battle of Loos from those in adjacent areas. The figures, he said, were casualties on the western front from September 25th to October 8th.

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MAY RAISE BATTALION MANITOBA ORANGEMEN

There Would be No Difficulty in Securing Men from the 170 Lodges

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—A battalion to be raised from the Orangemen of Manitoba is the latest recruiting scheme. Already the matter has been taken up in the lodges and the suggestion has been forwarded to the military authorities in Ottawa. W. T. Edgecombe, Grand Master, has been mentioned as the commander of the new unit.

There are 170 lodges in Manitoba and hence it is pointed out that to raise a battalion would require only about sixteen men from each lodge. This, in the opinion of those who have considered the question, would be an easy matter.

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