

# 5,041,000 RECRUITS UNDER VOLUNTARY SYSTEM

## ALLISON MADE NO PROFIT ON SALE OF DEFECTIVE AMMUNITION

Acted in Transaction for Sir Trevers Dawson who Represented the British Government—\$4,000 he Got from Mr Lewis Came from Latter as Trustee for British Authorities in Connection with Purchases Made in U. S.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 25.—Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison was examined for two hours tonight by Mr. H. H. Dewar, K. C., representing the Liberal party in the Davidson inquiry into the sale of small arms ammunition. Col. Allison said that in this transaction he represented Sir Trevers Dawson, who represented the British government. When questioned by Mr. Dewar, Allison said he had made no previous inquiries and had no previous knowledge of ammunition in Canada that could be purchased. He did not know that the ammunition was defective nor did he fix the price. He declared that he made absolutely no profit on this purchase of 2,000,000 rounds. His friendship with General Hughes, he added, had nothing to do with his participation in the negotiations for this ammunition. Witness told of getting \$4,000 from Mr. Orr Lewis of the Canadian Vickers Ltd., but he said that this came from Mr. Lewis as trustee for the British

authorities in connection with purchases made in the United States. He could not tell why he was referred to a representative of Vickers Limited in certain memoranda of the militia department. Neither Mr. J. A. Hutcheson, counsel for the commission, nor Mr. Henderson examined Col. Allison and the inquiry adjourned till Monday, June 12th when Mr. Dewar intended, one day might finish it. This afternoon Auditor General Fraser said he had been informed that the ammunition had been resold at an advance of \$5 per thousand after leaving the militia department, but he said he could not give the name of his informant. Mr. Henderson intimated that it was Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., but Mr. Fraser made no reply. Mr. Orr Lewis also testified and said that the commission to Allison which was referred to in his letter to the Bank of Montreal at New York was commission on American business only.

## NO ACTION YET ON MAIN ST. PAVING

Yesterday's noon meeting of the common council in committee, was devoted to matters in Commissioner Fisher's department. As Commissioner Wignmore was not present the consideration of the city's agreement with the Street Railway was deferred. The matter of the paving of Main street was taken up and the commissioner stated that he had come to the conclusion that all he could do out of the appropriation this year was the section from Douglas Avenue to Adelaide street, and he was prepared to recommend that it be done with sheet asphalt on a concrete foundation at a cost of \$2,600. Commissioners McLellan and Russell did not think that was enough and more work of a semi-permanent nature should be done. Commissioner McLellan said that the council had not said there would not be any bond issue. He had said that he would not vote for a bond issue for noisy granite blocks. A number of retaining walls were discussed, that on Main street from Sheriff to Harrison streets would cost \$15,500 and bonds would have to be issued for the work but it had to be built. The one on Cheley street would cost \$2,000 and one on Rockland Road would cost \$964. Action on all these matters was deferred until the Monday meeting when the road engineer would be present and give what information he could on the subject.

### PERSONAL

J. H. Barry, of Fredericton, was at the Dufferin last evening.

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## KING GEORGE AFFIXES SIGNATURE TO THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL

London, May 25.—The signature of King George was today affixed to the Military Service Bill, recently passed by parliament. In giving the royal sanction to the bill King George issued the following message to the nation:

"To enable our country to organize more effectively its military resources in the present great struggle for the cause of civilization, I have, acting on the advice of my ministers, deemed it necessary to enroll every able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 41.

"I desire to take this opportunity of expressing to my people my recognition and appreciation of the splendid patriotism and self-sacrifice they displayed in raising, by voluntary enlistment since the commencement of the war, no less than 5,041,000 men—an effect surpassing that of any other nation in similar circumstances recorded in history and one which will be a lasting source of pride to future generations.

"I am confident the magnificent spirit which has hitherto sustained my people through the trials of this terrible war will inspire them to endure the additional sacrifice now imposed upon them and that it will, with God's help, lead us and our Allies to a victory which shall achieve the liberation of Europe."

## ASQUITH'S STATEMENT ON IRISH SITUATION A SURPRISE TO COMMONS

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"At the unanimous request of his colleagues, Mr. Lloyd George has undertaken to devote his time, his energy and his power to the promotion of that result. He already has put himself in communication with the authorized representatives and exponents of the views of the different Irish parties, and if there be, as I believe there is, among Irishmen, no less than among the people of Great Britain, an honest and resolute desire to take advantage of this opportunity for the settlement of the Irish question, and an empire I do not hesitate to say is the greatest boon that we could possibly achieve. We cannot but hope that Mr. Lloyd George's mission of peace, reconciliation, and if possible, unity, will not only carry with it the good wishes and ardent hopes of all members in every quarter of the house, but something more—the belief that such a result can and ought to be achieved."

In the circumstances Mr. Asquith appealed to all sections of the house to abstain from any immediate discussion of Irish affairs which would be likely to prevent a great and lasting settlement.

Great Bulk of Irish Frowned on Rebellion.

The premier said the primary duty of the government was to restore order and prevent recurrent disturbances. At the same time there was cause for rejoicing in the overwhelming evidence that the great bulk of the Irish nation had no sympathy with the rebellion. Martial law was being continued as a precautionary measure, and Mr. Asquith hoped its disappearance would speedily be complete.

For the time being the composition of the Irish executive must be provisional. Mr. Asquith said, "The debate at this moment might create an atmosphere unfavorable to the appeal he and his colleagues unanimously felt it was their duty to make."

He went on to say, "I visited and talked freely with a large number of those who have been arrested. There were two main predominant impressions on my mind: First, the breakdown of the executive machinery of the Irish government, second, the strength, depth, and universality of feeling in Ireland that we have now a unique opportunity for a new departure, for a settlement of the problem, for all schools of Irish opinion."

After the premier had concluded his speech Mr. Redmond said that Mr. Asquith's solemn appeal that there be no discussion of the Irish question for him and his colleagues. He asserted things were going on in Ireland which they thought in ordinary circumstances ought to be discussed at the earliest possible moment. Nevertheless he regarded the premier's appeal as a test of the genuineness of their desire for a settlement of this problem, and he could not take the responsibility of not responding to it. All he would say, further was that if this new step on the part of the government—placed, as it was, in such able and energetic hands—failed, as he hoped and prayed it might not, the fault would not lie on any unreasonable conduct or action of his colleagues and himself.

Speaking for the Independent Nationalists, Mr. O'Brien said he also felt he must bow to the appeal for silence, although he believed there would be profound disappointment in Ireland at today's proceedings, as a proof of the continuance of the policy of organized suppression of free speech, which was responsible for three-quarters of the struggle.

Sir Edward Carson expressed his readiness to respond to the appeal of the premier. Mr. Ginnell attempted to continue the discussion, but the speaker called the orders of the day.

## LIBERALS NOW ADMIT MAHONEY WILL TRIUMPH

Dark Lantern Brigades in Losing Fight—Splendid Meetings Held by Government Speakers Last Night.

Moncton, May 25.—It was stated today by a friend of A. B. Copp, Liberal M. P., of Westmorland, that Mr. Copp had expressed the opinion that Hon. P. G. Mahoney, minister of public works, would win next Tuesday. If this statement is correct it merely agrees with the expressed opinion of many other Liberals of the country. It is known that Mr. Copp and Hon. P. J. Sweeney, who was returned without opposition when he accepted a place in the cabinet, were personally opposed to a contest in the county at this time, but that they were forced to yield to the representations of the dark lantern brigades from outside the constituency.

Many Monctonians to Vote.

Moncton City will not participate in the election, but many railroad men who work here and other employed or having business here vote in the Parishes of Moncton and Shediac, so that there is intense local interest in the campaign.

A rousing meeting in the interest of Hon. Mr. Mahoney was held at the suburb of Sunny Brae, an incorporated town tonight. Andrew Blakeney presided. The speakers were W. P. Humphrey, M. L. A., P. Frank Smith, M. L. A., of Carleton Place, and Dr. Price, M. L. A., for this city. The speakers were all well received.

In his address Mr. Smith said that there was nothing new or novel in the campaign of slander and abuse being conducted by the opposition crowd. He had gone through a campaign in Carleton after the retirement of Hon. J. K. Fleming, among many of these charges now being made, were fresh in the minds of the people of his constituency, and every attempt was made to defeat him. He believed that the people of Westmorland County would answer those endeavoring to defeat Hon. Mr. Mahoney as the good people of Carleton had answered those responsible for the campaign of slander there. He was pleased to say he came through that campaign with the largest majority ever rolled up for a government candidate in the county. The meeting closed by the audience singing the National Anthem.

Hon. J. A. Murray, minister of agriculture, T. J. Carter, M. L. A., of Victoria, a native of Westmorland, and J. Leonard Gay addressed a good meeting this evening in Salisbury town.

Tonight Hon. Dr. Landry, provincial secretary, also a native of Westmorland, Hon. Mr. Mahoney and others will speak in the town of Shediac. Dr. Smith's host, Hon. Mr. Murray, T. J. Carter and Mr. Gay will speak at Victoria Mills.

Saturday night there will be meetings in the interest of Hon. Mr. Mahoney addressed by prominent speakers at Petticoat, Bonnet's Corner and Steeves' Mountain.

The betting here generally favors Hon. Mr. Mahoney.

IN AID OF RED CROSS.

An entertainment will be held in St. Stephen's Sunday school hall tonight in aid of the Red Cross. The admission fee will be small and the cause is a worthy one. Following is the programme: Piano duet, Mrs. Dickie and Miss Gilechrist; two act musical comedy "Rustle Anna" by fourteen young ladies; tableau, Great Kathleen March; vocal solo, "The Bird Song" and "My Ain Country," Thomas Guy. Come and spend a pleasant evening.

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## FED GERMS BY MILLIONS TO BENEFACTOR

Dr. Waite Calmly Recounts Various Methods he Used to Kill Rich Relatives.

HOPES TO SAVE LIFE BY INSANITY PLEA.

Accused Dentist Admits Degenerate Traits Since Boy—Tells of Acquaintance with "Studio" Companion.

New York, May 25.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite calmly recounted on the witness stand tonight, in an effort to save himself from conviction for murder by showing that he was of unbalanced mind, how he attempted to cause the death of Miss Katherine Peck, the wealthy aunt of his wife, and his own benefactor, by feeding her disease germs. He told also of trying to kill his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck in the same way before resorting to poison as a more effective means. He testified, in addition, regarding his relations with Mrs. Margaret Horton, his "studio" companion.

Waite said he put ground glass in a can of marmalade and gave it to Miss Katherine Peck prior to his marriage. He also put disease germs in a can of fish and gave that to her. Afterwards he frequently gave her germs of other varieties, including typhoid, while he was studying bacteriology.

He tried to produce the germs himself, he said, but his cultures failed, and he purchased them.

"What did you want of the germs?" "I wanted to give them to certain people," he replied.

The trouble with the germs, Waite said, was they were not virulent enough. After he had given germs to Miss Peck for a while without result, he became discouraged, he asserted.

"Did you administer any bacteria to Mrs. Peck?" "Yes, soon after she arrived. I had been working on them for some time, but I failed to produce results. One night I turned on the gas, but the superintendent of the building came up and turned it off."

"I gave him arsenic a few days before he was planning to go away. I did not expect the counter proposal of the opposition would be accepted. Mr. Copp at once informed me that he had caused the announcement to be made in the Tribune, being under the mistaken impression that the matter had been definitely arranged. Mr. Copp told me that he would not be at the meeting tonight himself but he at once sat down and addressed a statement to you to be read at the meeting to express how it was that this unwarranted announcement had been published. I may say that this afternoon I advised Mr. Carter on behalf of our committee that we could not allow Mr. Smith to cancel his meeting in Moncton. Parish to speak in Sackville on the terms of the opposition. I remain, yours very truly, R. Trites, secretary to committee."

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## ODDS 7 TO 3 AT LLOYDS WAR WILL LAST ANOTHER YEAR

Radical Change in Rates of Insurance Against War Ending Before Dec. 31 Followed Sir Edw. Gray's Declaration Regarding Early Peace.

London, May 25.—Responding instantly to Sir Edward Gray's declaration that peace talk is idle until Germany changes her attitude, Lloyd's today made a radical shift in rates of insurance against the war ending before Dec. 31.

A few days ago Lloyd's offered even money that the war would not end this year. Today the insurance brokers were willing to wager three to one that the war would not end in 1916. Other odds posted by Lloyd's today were: Seven to three that the war will not end before April 1, 1917. Twenty to one that the war will end before 1919.

The newspapers today generally applauded Sir Edward Gray's answer in the House of Commons yesterday to the German chancellor's latest peace talk. The consensus of opinion among Londoners is that the foreign secretary has killed all hope in Germany

of a peace on Germany's terms and at the same time has served notice on Bethmann-Hollweg that he must make radical changes with his peace program if he hopes for an early ending of the war.

No other period of Sir Edward's speech won such applause as his statement that the Allies are not beaten and are not going to be beaten.

"There is not a phrase or word in Sir Edward Gray's speech which encourages the hope of an early peace," said the Daily Chronicle today.

He dismissed at the outset any idea of this country acting separately from her allies. He repudiated with scorn the German chancellor's attempt to place blame for continuance of the war on the Allies because they cannot accept Germany's terms of peace—terms that would place the other nations of Europe at her mercy.

The Carter-Veniot CROWD REFUSE FAIR PLAY TO B. F. SMITH

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"E. M. Copp, M. D.—Dear Sir, I understand that you will be acting as chairman of the opposition meeting in Fawcett Hall tonight and ask that you be good enough to read the following statement with reference to the announcement in today's Tribune that Mr. B. Frank Smith would speak at the meeting: Last evening I telephoned E. S. Carter, the opposition organizer, at Moncton, and stated that Mr. Smith would be glad to have an opportunity to reply to Mr. Carvell at tonight's meeting and asked him if they would give Mr. Smith half an hour following Mr. Carvell and beginning his reply not later than 10.30. I asked Mr. Carter to let me know if possible by noon today as we had already billed Mr. Smith to speak at Sunny Brae. At 11 o'clock this morning Mr. Carter telephoned me that he was sending me a telegram containing his reply to our challenge. He gave me the gist of his telegram over the telephone to the effect that they would be glad to give Mr. Smith half an hour or three quarters of an hour following the first opposition speaker who was not named. This proposition was of course entirely different from our original, but I told Mr. Carter that inasmuch as the opposition would not accept our proposition I would consult our committee and Mr. Smith as to accepting his counter proposition. But in further communications which passed between Mr. Carter and myself and in fact before I had received Mr. Carter's telegram the above announcement was published in the Tribune. As soon as it came to my attention I called on Mr. Copp and called his attention to the premature announcement and stated I did not expect the counter proposal of the opposition would be accepted. Mr. Copp at once informed me that he had caused the announcement to be made in the Tribune, being under the mistaken impression that the matter had been definitely arranged. Mr. Copp told me that he would not be at the meeting tonight himself but he at once sat down and addressed a statement to you to be read at the meeting to express how it was that this unwarranted announcement had been published. I may say that this afternoon I advised Mr. Carter on behalf of our committee that we could not allow Mr. Smith to cancel his meeting in Moncton. Parish to speak in Sackville on the terms of the opposition. I remain, yours very truly, R. Trites, secretary to committee."

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