

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.

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 that was purchased 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 13th when Mr. Dewar intimated, 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 Wilmore 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 Chealey 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.

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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."

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LIBERALS NOW ADMIT MAHONEY WILL TRIUMPH

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.

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

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.

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FED GERMS BY BILLIONS 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.

THE CARTER-VENOT CROWD REFUSE FAIR PLAY TO B. F. SMITH

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YOU OWE YOURSELF THIS RARE TREAT

after the heavy meats and the canned vegetables of the Winter—with a jaded stomach and rebellious liver—Shredded Wheat with Strawberries—a dish that is deliciously nourishing and satisfying—a perfect meal, and so easily and quickly prepared. For breakfast, for luncheon or any meal.

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 "Rustic Anna" by fourteen young ladies; tableaux, Great Kathleen March; vocal solo, "The Aztec Goddess" with violin obligato, Miss Fenton; readings from the "Habitant" Mr. Short; vocal solo,

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ODDS 7 TO 3 AT LLOYDS WAR WILL LAST ANOTHER YEAR

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OFFERED TO SELL GERMAN GOVT SECRETS

New York, May 25.—A man giving the name of Adolph De Leuw, thirty-four years of age, a native of Holland, was arrested tonight by Captain Tunnay, head of the "bomb squad" of the New York police, charged with revealing the contents of government documents and offering them for sale, in violation of the penal law.

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With Units Short of Stand—Plans

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