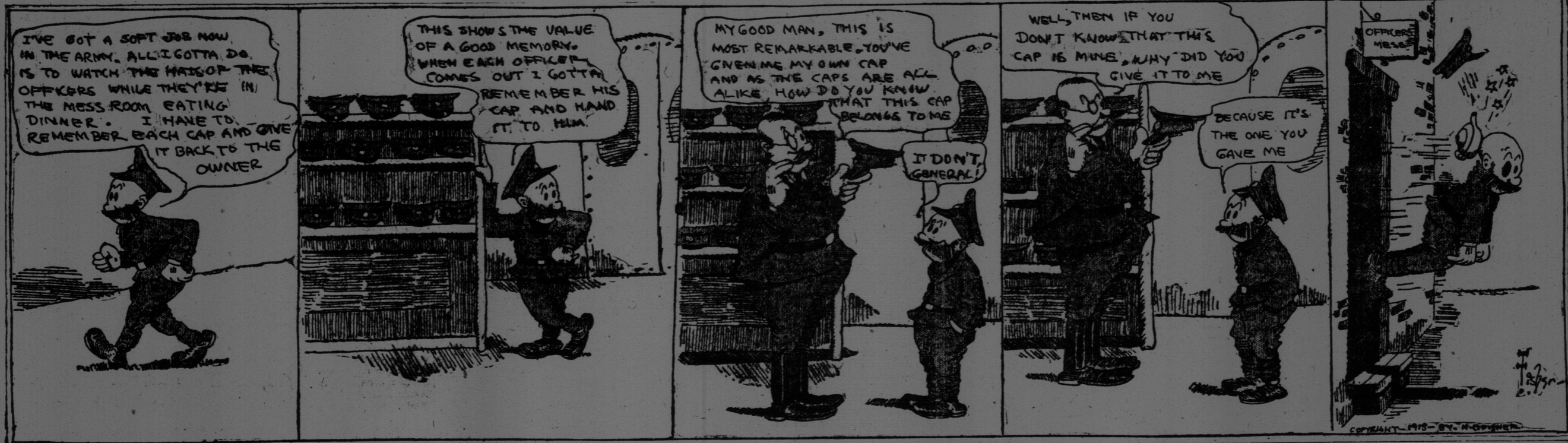


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Single Men Must Enlist

Modified Form of Compulsion Decision of British Cabinet - The Situation in England

London, Dec. 29, 1:30 a.m.—It is stated on excellent authority that the cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill to be introduced in the house of commons next week, giving the government the necessary power, should it be found needful, to bring in single men and preserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

Yesterday's cabinet meeting, although it failed to secure an agreement of all the ministers upon the vexed question of the voluntary system versus conscription, was of a very critical and decisive character, and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before all eligible single men are effectually brought to the colors.

Therefore it was resolved that at the earliest opportunity a bill should be introduced in parliament in order that the government might have the necessary power, should it be found that no other course was effective to this end.

Premier Asquith is expected to make a statement on the whole question in the house of commons on Wednesday or Thursday of next week, and announce the speedy introduction of a bill of a permissive character, making service in the army obligatory on unmarried men who have failed to attest under the Derby scheme.

It is believed that the actual formal resolution on the new policy has been postponed until another meeting of the cabinet, on Thursday, and in the short interval that Mr. Asquith will be employed in asserting the strongest influences to avert disruption of his cabinet. It is still quite possible that a crisis may be avoided.

The importance, as far as military operations and political prestige is concerned, of the ministers presenting a united front to the nation and her allies, to say nothing of the effect produced by disruption in encouraging the enemy is fully grasped and its influence cannot fail to have its effect. There is a further possibility to be considered. This is that the announcement of an immense number of applications would have such an immediate effect upon the lagging that it may never become necessary to put the measure in operation. Should the week intervening before the introduction of the bill show such a sudden rush of recruiting as to justify the hope that it would be unnecessary to resort to conscription there will be a great chance for the cabinet to preserve its unity. Premier Asquith has always shown a marvellous faculty of holding his cabinet together and it would not be surprising to find that the mere threat of conscription would have the effect of dispersing all of the governments difficulties in this respect.

Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, and the Labor minister, Arthur Henderson, are regarded as the most likely to resign. Other known opponents of conscription are Louis Harcourt, Sir John A. Simon, Thomas McKinnon Wood, and Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster. The fact that Premier Asquith has been able to make the momentous announcement that in his opinion the time had arrived when steps should be taken to prepare for conscription, however, must have had an enormous effect upon the most determined of the supporters of the voluntary plan, so that it is believed that there will be the most only a few resignations.

The following extracts are characteristic: The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The utmost confidence is still felt that the cabinet will meet parliament again as a united body, with a plan that will meet the imperative needs of the situation, and at the same time dispose of the demand for a general election until after the war."

The Westminster Gazette says: "The task of patriotism at this moment is to keep silence, or, at least, to say nothing that can embarrass and hamper the government."

The Star says: "The crisis which has arisen over the Asquith pledge is purely factitious. It is the work of intriguers,

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the senate today to approve the action of the chamber of deputies in giving him the 107 class of recruits for January 3.

General Gallieni's remarks were greeted with prolonged applause.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Subscriptions to the new government loan exceeding 14,500,000,000 francs are, for the greater part, in cash," says an official announcement made today.

NO BLAME TO ANYONE

Jury Inquiring Into May Littlefield's Death Find no Negligence on Part of Chauffeur

"We the jurors empanelled to enquire into the death of May Littlefield, find that she died at the General Public Hospital here on December 22, 1915, from a fracture of the skull and from cerebral hemorrhage caused by her coming in contact with the pavement whilst attempting to alight from a runaway taxi cab in King street, near the corner of Canterbury street, on December 22 last. We cannot find from the evidence submitted touching the death of May Littlefield.

The foregoing was the verdict rendered last night by the coroner's jury, after hearing and considering evidence submitted touching the death of May Littlefield.

Dr. A. F. Emery, the first witness called, stated that the woman had come to her death by fracture of the skull, and that although at first the symptoms were that she would recover, later her condition took a reactionary turn.

Clifford S. Williams testified that he had noticed the runaway car on King street, and had made an attempt to stop it, which proved futile, owing to the position of the steering gear. He was positive that the brakes were set on the car when it started. He could see that by the way the car gained momentum.

Regarding the state of the car, Walter M. Sherwood, an employee of the Empire Garage swore that he had, at the request of the police department, examined the car on the day of the accident. During the course of this examination he found that the emergency brake did not hold as it should. The front part of the car was dented in, and this he thought might possibly have changed the condition of the brakes.

"From my examination I could not tell whether or not the brakes had been adjusted." The brakes were on when he examined the car. In reply to a question from a juror, the witness stated that he could not say whether or not the denting in of the front of the car would alter the condition of the brakes.

Dr. Danlop, who performed the post mortem examination on the body, gave evidence in technical detail of the injuries the deceased had sustained.

William J. Foster, the driver of the car, stated under oath that he had been driving cars for nine or ten years, and had also had experience in auto repair work.

Miss Eaton engaged me to go out for her on the day in question," he said. "When I drove out there she asked me to come in and asked me to take Miss Littlefield in. When I was driving, Miss Littlefield asked me to let her off at the Dominion Express Company's office. I stopped the car at the C. P. R. building, turned the car into the curb, shut off the engine and put on the emergency brakes. She asked me to take a parcel into the express office for her to be sent to an address given. I was in there waiting to be served from four to six minutes, and when I came out the car was gone.

In answer to questions put by the coroner, he said that he could not suggest any reason for the car starting.

Charles Mahoney, foreman at the Princess Garage, called to give expert evidence, stated that it would be a matter of impossibility for a car to start under the conditions given in previous evidence, if the brakes were in perfect condition.

The jury was made up as follows: Charles A. Clarke (foreman), E. P. Dykeman, Maurice D. Coll, Robert Boyer, Walter H. Bell, S. L. O'Regan and C. W. Brown.

Dr. W. F. Roberts, coroner, conducted the inquest.

REVOLT AGAINST YUAN SHI KAI

Insurrection in Yu-na Province Reported and 30,000 Troops Sent to Quell It

A revolutionary movement under the leadership of Tsai Ao, former military governor of Yunan has broken out. The Chinese government has sent 30,000 soldiers to quell the revolt.

The government troops at Yunan Province has not joined the revolt, the latest advices indicating that they are still loyal to the central government.

The troops have been sent from Sze-Chuan Province, in western China, bordering on Tibet. The uprising started at Yunan Nanfu, in Yunan Province.

Tsai Ao is a bitter opponent of the monarchy, which is to be restored.

Tsai Ao recently resigned a bureau chiefship at Peking, alleging his health had failed. He returned secretly to Yunan, where he had been the most prominent leader under Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first provisional president of China, who of late is reported to have been conducting revolutionary propaganda.

It will require about two weeks of marching through mountains for the troops from Sze-Chuan province to reach Yunan.

Announcement of the outbreak of a revolutionary movement in Yunan province follows the receipt of a private report that five Chinese provinces, including Yunan had declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai. The other provinces named in the previous reports were Kwangtung, Kiangsi, Kweichow and Sze-Chuen. It is from the last named province that Sunday's despatches of state troops have been sent to Yunan, which lies just to the south of Sze-Chuen, and is the southwesternmost province of China. The area of Yunan is about 146,800 square miles and it has a population estimated at 12,000,000.

When the movement to have China revert to a monarchy began to gain headway the Entente Powers made representations to Peking, asking that there be no change in the form of government during the war because of the possibility that it might lead to uprisings and endanger the peace of the Orient. The Chinese government, however, replied to the representatives of Japan and the

other powers that it was confident of its ability to handle the internal situation satisfactorily, and no promise was made that the change would not take place, the powers being assured, however, that the monarchy would not be instituted during the present year.

Recently the result of the Chinese plebiscite was announced as favoring the change to a monarchy and Yuan Shi Kai, the president of the republic accepted the office of the council of state to become

the ruler under the revived monarchical system. It was stated that the coronation would be deferred to a time considered suitable and Yuan Shi Kai would continue to act as president meanwhile.

There were disorders at Shanghai, Sunday morning a warship was seized by the rebels and rioting occurred in various parts of the city. The warship was quickly recaptured, however, and the revolt was soon quelled. There have been numerous indications since of un-

rest in South China, but no additional outbreaks have been reported until now.

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