

# ASQUITH AND SIMON ARE LEADING RIVAL FORCES IN STRUGGLE

## Premier's Promise to Give Slackers New Chance Failed to Silence Critics—Nationalists Strongly Oppose Conscription—Scenes in House.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The British government yesterday definitely embarked upon a policy of compulsory military service when Premier Asquith submitted to the House of Commons a bill drafting eligible unmarried men to military duty, and championed the measure in a stirring speech on the necessity of this step to meet the growing exigencies of the war.

The scene with the House of Commons was one of the most notable in the history of that body, with the benches packed with members, all the ministerial seats occupied and the galleries overflowing.

With the prospect of a keen duel between the prime minister and his former colleague, Sir John A. Simon, over the momentous issue which caused the late home secretary's resignation, the biggest assemblage of commoners since the outbreak of the war faced Mr. Asquith when he introduced his military service bill. Virtually the only absentees were those who were debarred from attending by the military necessities. These to a man favor conscription.

There was a feeling of intense interest and anxiety over the culmination of the controversy which has shaken the country as no other event since the war began.

Outside the parliament buildings great crowds gathered, reflecting the deep popular interest, and shouts of welcome greeted the premier as he drove up with his wife and daughters. Officers in uniform occupied seats among the members and in the galleries, giving a distinct khaki color to the gathering.

Just back of Mr. Asquith sat Sir John Simon the only member of the cabinet whose resignation has been precipitated by the compulsory bill, while in the gallery, immediately facing the premier, was the genial, earnest face of the Earl of Derby, who has been the central figure leading up to this climax. Mr. Asquith began immediately the house was convened and spoke continuously for an hour.

It was not a speech marked for its impas-

sioned oratory, but rather for its calmness and the analysis whereby the premier assembled reasons showing the compelling necessity for resort to this step.

The applause was frequent, while the opposition at times expressed noisy disapproval. Most of the speech was devoted to a clear exposition of the details of the measure, which the premier declared was not an abandonment of the principles of voluntary service, in which he firmly believed, but merely a temporary measure limited to the duration of the war and confined to a comparatively small class of unmarried men, who had not responded voluntarily to the country's needs.

"I would have been glad to do without this bill," said the premier. "My confident expectation had been that no such measure would be necessary, but that hope has been disappointed, and I now consider this bill a necessity."

The premier particularly emphasized the pledge he had given of resort to conscription if the voluntary enlistments under the Derby plan did not give adequate results. As a matter of national interest, as well as expediency, he regarded the time as having arrived for keeping that pledge.

"I mean to keep my promise," he concluded, "and let it not be said that we dallied or delayed in carrying out an honorable obligation."

Sir John Simon was greeted heartily as he rose to combat the premier's contentions. He expressed regret at leaving the cabinet and paid a tribute to Mr. Asquith, to whom he owed such success as he had achieved, but, he said, no personal considerations could deter him from opposing this measure, which presented the supreme question of abandoning the principle of voluntary service, one of the traditions of Britain's freedom and substituting the Prussian system of militarism.

"This bill should be resisted," he exclaimed, while a wave of cheers greeted his statement. He maintained that Premier Asquith had been chiefly moved in his desire to keep a pledge.

# RUSSIANS DRAW NEAR KOVEL IN GREAT NUMBERS.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—A Petrograd despatch says:

"The enormous Russian southern armies are now close to Kobel, Volhynia. This railway centre is of importance because it alone forms the connection between the Austro-German central armies and their southern wing. It is for this reason that the Austro-Germans are trying with the utmost tenacity to hold their positions."

While the battle on the borders of Bessarabia is apparently still far from decision, each day finds the Russians claiming the occupation of additional positions, and Petrograd believes that if this process continues a short time longer, a break somewhere in the lines of the central powers must come.

The whole energy of the Russian army is being directed to making a gap between the German armies in the centre and the southern Austrian forces, and the desperate Austrian attacks in the region of Kolki are designed to prevent this. The fighting must continue for a considerable time yet, but upon the result will depend in large measure the strategy of both sides when spring comes.

While the fate of Czernowitz is obscured in conflicting reports, it appears evident that the Russians dominate the Bukovina capital. Unofficial despatches from Petrograd state that the Austrians have evacuated the town under pressure from the Russians holding the heights against it, while from Austrian sources the information has been received that the Austrian troops have been withdrawn from a portion of the city.

Czernowitz lies in a deep valley. The town itself is not of great strategic value, except for its railroad. Its fall is likely to have greater political than military significance, as an out-

standing success by the Russians at this time would be likely to have a far-reaching effect on Roumania.

A despatch to a Berlin newspaper from the Bukovina front describes the fighting there since Christmas Day as unexampled. The Russians have concentrated over 200 guns and three divisions of infantry on a front of three-quarters of a mile. The battle reached its height on Dec. 23, when the Russians attacked fourteen times and there was furious hand-to-hand fighting.

Although the Russians appear to be continuing their progress, there still is no news concerning the actual Russian occupation of Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina, which already has changed four times since the war began.

The Times' Petrograd correspondent says in the opinion of the military critics there the approach of the Russians to the railway line running from Zaleschitzky to Czernowitz has greatly lessened the value of the former point for the Austrians.

"It is quite possible," the correspondent adds, that the Russian cavalry already has cut the line, but there is no confirmation of the report that we have occupied Czernowitz, which in itself is not a tempting bait for either belligerent. The preponderant importance the enemy attaches to the possession of the Styx River is reflected in the German army orders, where the river is described as the Dvina of the south and the permanent tenure of which would secure to a foe a lasting front from Pinsk to Galicia, provided its shores were converted into an unbroken fortress.

"In view of the enormous strength of the enemy's fortified lines in the southern theatre the military critics warn the public against pitching their hopes too high."

## Tomorrow They Die

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The Treasurer of the committee is waiting to receive your sack of flour or your ten dollars at its office, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal.

Do it today, tomorrow they die.

Mr. H. Geldersleeve, manager of the Northern Navigation Co., at Sarnia is in the city today the guest of his aunts, the Misses Herchimer, Dundas street.

The Gas Department is having to excavate a portion of Front street to discover a leak. Escaping gas has been discernible for some time.

## BIGAMIST GETS ONE YEAR IN THE REFORMATORY

Oliver Frank Rose, of Avery, Pleaded Guilty Before County Judge.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Oliver Francis Rose or Avery was this morning sentenced by Judge DeRoche to one year in the Ontario Reformatory on conviction on the charge of bigamy.

Early in December Rose was arrested in Kingston at the instance of the local police on the charge of non-support by Florence Mary Cummins to whom he had been married in November 1914. In Belleville Police Court he agreed to make amends, and the case was to be settled with Rose paying the costs on January 4. A few days later he asked the police for permission to go to Kingston where he had secured work. The police saw nothing to object to in the request and Rose left for Kingston.

The girl to whom he had been married in November 1914, went to Kingston and investigated and found that there was a woman living there who claimed to have been married to Oliver Francis Avery in Ottawa. It was thought Rose was the same man and Miss Cummins came back to Belleville and laid a charge of bigamy. Rose was again arrested and brought to Belleville. He was given a preliminary hearing and committed for trial.

He pleaded guilty to the bigamy charge before the County judge, who asked him what his proper name was. "I don't know. My mother says my name is Avery and my two aunts say it is Rose," replied the prisoner. "What excuse have you to offer," asked the judge.

Rose said he could not give any excuse. "When I got going with her (Miss Cummins) I could not keep away from her."

Mr. Crown Attorney Carnew stated that Mrs. Avery of Kingston had two twin boys aged about a year and another young son.

Rose or Avery said he had been puzzled recently, not knowing what to do because he knew he had done wrong.

The crown attorney produced copies of the certificate of the two marriage ceremonies, that of Oliver Francis Avery and Hattie McDonald in Ottawa, August 1913 by Rev. Robert Eadie, and that of Oliver Francis Rose and Florence Mary Cummins in Belleville, Nov. 1914.

Rose stated that he had met Hattie McDonald in Montreal, where he had been about eighteen months. He went with her some time and then went to her home at McCrimmon village and were married in Ottawa. He had been in Canada for five years having come from the United States in 1910.

He declared that he did not think that he would have married Miss Cummins if she had not lost her position. He admitted telling her that his wife died eleven years before having got a fish-bone in her mouth, which resulted in lockjaw and finally starvation two week later. He expressed his regrets.

Chief Newton asked if he knew anything of the case, said he did not. The judge then pronounced the sentence of one year on the charge of bigamy and of six months concurrently on the charge of non-support. Rose was not represented by counsel.

## Flight Lieut. Hughes Reported Drowned

In the Toronto Mail and Empire on Monday appeared an item which has caused an anxious time for the parents and friends of Flight Lieutenant Garnet Hughes who recently crossed the ocean to join the flying squadron in connection with the Royal Navy. The item in the Mail was under the heading of British Casualties and reads: "The Navy—Drowned—Flight Lieut. Hughes, R.N." Mr. Geo. Hughes wired Col. Sam Hughes at Ottawa for confirmation and he cabled the War Office, but could get no information, the War Office having no knowledge of such an accident. Mr. Hughes then cabled his son direct, but up to the time The Times went to press had no reply.

It is hoped that an error has been made, but until definite information is received his friends will be anxious. Flight Lieut. Hughes is a young man of handsome appearance and fine physique and Prince Edward county people are proud of their representative in the Royal Naval Flying Corps. —Picton Times.

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## WEDDING BELLS

SIMMONS—MUCKLE (From Thursday's Daily.)

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage, 42 Broadbalt St., Toronto, on Saturday morning, January 1st, when Mr. William Simmons and Miss Elizabeth Muckle were united in marriage by Rev. W. F. Wilson. The bride was attended by Miss Margaret Simmons, and Mr. Bert Heath was groomsmen. After a short honeymoon in Belleville and other eastern points Mr. and Mrs. Simmons will reside in Toronto.

COLLIP—RALPH.

At three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, December 28th the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ralph, Dundas, was the scene of a pretty wedding, when their youngest daughter, Ray Vivian, was married to James Bertram Collip, M.A., Ph.D., of Edmonton University, the Rev. Caleb Harris officiating. There were present only the immediate relatives. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore white satin with pearls, and rose point lace, veil and orange blossoms; also carrying white roses and lily of the valley. She was attended by her sister, Miss Maude, who wore old rose habitual silk and pink roses. The groom was attended by Mr. R. D. Turnbull of Toronto. The bride's mother wore grey satin, trimmed with mauve and lace; the groom's mother, brown satin with fur and lace. The wedding march was played by Miss Kathleen Suter. The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl and amethyst necklace; to the bridesmaid, a gold brooch; to the pianist, a pearl pin, and to the groomsmen a set of cuff links. After dejeuner the bride and groom left for Edmonton.

FROST—WATSON.

Mr. Russell Frost, Government Inspector of shells at Hamilton, was united in marriage at that city on Dec. 18th to Miss Winnifred Watson, of the teaching staff of the Forcye Academy of Music, daughter of Dr. Burlington. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Frost, of town. We join extending congratulations.—Tweed Advocate.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lott, sixth con. of Tp of Sidney, when Mr. Lott's sister, Miss Lena Lott of Toronto was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. John Kieran of Wallbridge.

The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. L. M. Sharpe at high noon in the presence of about sixty guests. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers and evergreens which was very much in keeping with the happy event. The bride looked charming in her beautiful gown of embroidered net, trimmed with satin and roses, and she wore a beautiful bouquet of maiden-hair ferns and cream roses which were held by a costly pearl brooch, the gift of the groom.

The many beautiful and costly presents which were given the bride show her popularity; with her many friends of Sidney and the city, as there were several from Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson and daughter Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Barragar and others.

After the ceremony the guests sat down to a sumptuous repast, which the hostess Mrs. Lott received much praise for, as being an ideal hostess the tables were laden with all the good things that could be provided for such an occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieran after receiving the congratulations of the many friends left amidst showers of rice and good wishes for the west for their honeymoon.

After their return they will take up their residence at Wallbridge. The bride's going away dress was blue serge, with black velvet hat to match trimmed with a white feather bandeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieran's many friends join with the Ontario in wishing them a long and prosperous wedded life.

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Toronto, 28th December, 1925.

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**More C. P. R. Conductors in Trouble**

Montreal, Que., Jan. 6.—C. P. R. passenger conductor Wm. Wallace appeared before police magistrate W. W. O'Brien, of Fort William and pleaded guilty to a charge of theft and was fined \$100. Conductor T. Reynolds also charged with theft appeared before police magistrate S. Weegar at North Bay on January 4th who committed him for trial to a higher court.

**Horse Jumped Into Sleigh**

A runaway horse last evening about six o'clock jumped into a sleigh and caused considerable damage to it at the corner of Pimlico and Bridge streets. The animal which belonged to Mr. H. Rowe, Sidney, had broken away from its sleigh and had but a little harness attached to it when the accident occurred. The sleigh into which the horse jumped belonged to Mr. Ern Sprague. Fortunately the driver escaped without injury. The horse was thrown to the road and was caught on Pimlico street near the Quinte Hotel.

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