

New Amendments to Military Service Act in Force

New Regulations Make Detection of Defaulters Easier

OTTAWA, Oct. 27. — Several orders-in-council having for their object the improvement of the operation of the Military Service Act have been approved by the government. One provides that in future every employer shall notify the proper registrar by separate notice of every person exempted or having a claim for exemption pending, who shall hereafter be taken into his employ. Such notice shall be given within three days, and every employer who fails to comply with the requirements of this regulation shall be liable under summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$100, or to imprisonment for a term of three months, or to both fine and imprisonment for each failure to make the report called for.

Another order-in-council provides that a registrar who has issued a certificate of exemption may revise or extend the same if in his opinion it is desirable that the person concerned should continue the work in which he is habitually engaged. Renewal or extension of exemptions by registrars will be subject to review by the central appeal judge upon application by a chief public representative or other officer exercising like duties. Nothing in this new regulation affects the powers of any tribunal to determine an application for removal for renewal or extension of an exemption which may be assigned to it by the registrar.

An amendment to section 106 of the Military Service Act, with regard to employing or assisting deserters or defaulters, was passed on October 12, and sections 106 and 106A, as they now read, give few loopholes to employers to claim that they employed men in default of the act through inadvertence or ignorance of the true status of the men employed.

The onus of verification of the status of employees is now placed squarely with the employer, and he must examine the papers carried, and satisfy himself that the papers are proper and that the employees are exempt from service. If he neglects to do this, and a man who is a deserter or defaulter is found in his employ, the employer will be liable to punishment.

Mass One Must Carry Papers or Are Liable to Detention

Difficulties have arisen from lack of proof of identity and search in the case of men who come under the Military

Service Act, first class. To overcome these difficulties new regulations have just been issued and the authorities have received official instructions yesterday.

On and after Sept. 1, 1918, every male person who is not on active service in His Majesty's naval or military forces or in the forces of the Allies, and who apparently may be or is reasonably suspected to be within the description of class 1, M.S.A., shall have upon his person or in or upon any building in which he is at any time is, a document or certificate as follows:

An official certificate of the date of his birth, or in lieu thereof a certificate by a justice of the peace to the effect that satisfactory evidence has been submitted to the said justice of the peace as to his age and year of birth, which shall be given in the certificate; or if married, a certificate that he was married prior to July 6, 1917, or that his wife is still living; or

If exempted on account of nationality, a certificate signed by consular authority or by a magistrate to the effect that satisfactory evidence has been submitted as to nationality, provided that until Nov. 30, 1918, within the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, a certificate of nationality issued by any duly qualified Canadian government agent in the United States shall be accepted in lieu of a consular certificate; or

If exempted on account of having served in His Majesty's forces since Aug. 4, 1914, and having been honorably discharged, official documents or an official certificate evidencing the fact; or

If exempted as an exception being a clergyman of any society or body, a certificate signed by an officer-holder of that society or body competent so to certify under the regulation of that society or body; or

If exempted for any reason, a certificate evidencing the fact; or if not within the class, a certificate evidencing the fact.

Justices of the peace and magistrates are authorized to investigate the cases and issue certificates for the first four categories cited in the regulations above.

The penalty provided for not complying with this law is a \$50 fine or imprisonment for one month or both fine and imprisonment.

Any officer or N.C.O. authorized in writing to investigate suspected cases may break forcibly into houses where deserters are suspected of being harbored if refused permission to enter after showing his authority in writing.

foreign countries or to meet the needs of the moment.

"The enemy is at our gates," he said.

After paying tribute to the men at the front, he added: "Bad elements are found in every army, but the fundamental will of the people's army is opposed to them."

"My program of October 6 embraces amnesty for persons under sentence for political crimes, especially those connected with the labor troubles, street demonstrations, etc. Far-reaching amnesty of this nature was proposed by the emperor and has now been applied."

"Many persons had been set at liberty," he added, "only with strong misgivings on the part of the government, but the conviction of the necessity of benevolence and a trustful policy decided the matter."

On Prospects of Peace.

"The whole German people is anxious to hear the views of the government regarding the prospects of peace," he said, "but I am able to speak only with the greatest reserve and urge that the members of the reichstag limit debate as is consistent with the seriousness of the hour. The whole German people have been spoken to by President Wilson, and this fact gives the utterances of the representatives of all parties added force."

"The German people must not be blindly brought to the conference table. The German people today has the right to ask if peace is realized on the basis of President Wilson's conditions, what they mean for our future. Our answer to the president's question must be

framed on the German people's understanding of that question. What it now wants is clearness."

Stupendous Decision.

"The decision will be of stupendous import. It will not be our strength that will decide, but it will be what is thought to be right in free discussion with our opponents that will give the decision. This is a great effort for a proud people accustomed to victory."

"The legal questions involved will not stop at our national boundaries, which we will never, of our own accord, open for violence."

"The essence of President Wilson's program for a league of nations cannot be accepted when all peoples have not the right of national self-determination. This realization of community law means the abandonment of part of the unqualified independence which hitherto has been the indication of sovereignty both by us and others. Should we at home maintain as fundamental the national egoism which, until a short time ago was the dominating force of the people's life, there would be no restoration and renovation for us. There would be a feeling of bitterness which would cripple us for generations."

Cure for Present Wounds.

"But if we comprehend that the significance of this frightful war is above all victory for the idea of justice and if we do not resist this idea, but submit with all good faith, then we shall find in it a cure for our present wounds and a reservoir of future strength."

Prince Maximilian said he would not deny, however, that opposition in Germany must be conquered before the ideal league of nations could be realized, but he continued:

"Whether the next few weeks shall call us to fight on, or open the way to peace, there is no doubt we are equal to the task of either war or peace by carrying out the government's program and definitely breaking away from the old system."

The imperial chancellor then discussed electoral and parliamentary reforms. He cited bills before the reichstag, one of which enabled members of the house to enter the government without resigning, and another proposing a change in the laws regarding the responsibility of the chancellor. He continued: "Deputies will take part in the direction of imperial policy and in the name of the chancellor will be responsible without being ministers. Thus a new way is opened for arriving at responsible conduct of imperial affairs—the parliamentary way."

"We are convinced that it will supply, not only the government but indirectly parliament, with previous forces from the people which have hitherto not been utilized."

People Will Rule.

Prince Maximilian said he hoped soon to announce results of preliminary negotiations to obtain a legal extension of the chancellor's responsibility, to be secured for the formation of a state tribunal.

"The new system," he said, "involves, as a national consequence, a new mode of government in Alsace-Lorraine."

The chancellor declared it was the aim of himself and his colleagues to establish the political authority of the German people. This is the guiding star of my collaborator and myself.

The extraordinary war time measures, the chancellor explained, could not be dispensed with but they could be carried out by the chancellor, who would be responsible to the reichstag for their application.

Limit Kaiser's Power.

"His majesty's decrees, which I announced recently, have now been issued," he went on. "They concern not only the censorship, the right of public meeting and restriction on personal liberty, but have to do with economic, social and political matters."

"If local military commanders disagree with the civil authorities, the decision must be reached immediately by the highest commander, who will not be able to promulgate any decision to which agreement is not given by myself or my representative, namely, Secretary of State Groeber. Care will be taken that the state of siege is maintained in the spirit in which

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Reichstag's Approval.

LONDON, Oct. 23. — The German reichstag, after a short debate, adopted unanimously a resolution approving the statement made to it by Prince Maximilian, the chancellor, according to an Exchange Telegraph company despatch from Amsterdam. The resolution also expressed confidence in the new chancellor.

Confidence Vote for Prince Max.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 25. — The German reichstag has given Prince Maximilian, the imperial chancellor, a vote of confidence, the vote standing 193 to 52, according to Berlin despatches received here. Twenty-three of the members did not vote.

Military Situation Not Desperate.

SAYS PRUSSIAN WAR MINISTER.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 25. — "The military situation is grave, but not desperate; we are still able to make stubborn resistance," Gen. von Scheuch, Prussian war minister, told the reichstag, according to despatches received here today.

Further Remarks During Session of Reichstag.

BASEL, Oct. 26. — After the speech of Prince Maximilian, Deputy Karl Harold, in the name of the Centre party, read a statement in the reichstag asking that the reform of the constitution of the empire be extended so that war cannot be declared without the consent of the reichstag.

He added that if peace with the Entente Allies is not possible, the government will have to call on the last man for the defence of Germany.

Deputy Ebert (Majority Socialist) declared the German people would no longer permit themselves to be without the right to decide their own fate.

Friedrich Naumann (Radical) said he considered peace impossible by military means, and that Germany must use her diplomatic resources to end the war.

Count von Westarp (Conservative) declared his party would not vote for the constitutional reforms proposed by the chancellor, because it considered them dangerous.

New War Credit of 15,000,000 Mark.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 25. — A new

war credit of 15,000,000 mark will be submitted to the German reichstag in November, according to the Munich correspondent of the Rheinisch Westphalian Gazette, of Essen.

BRITISH STATEMENT.

LONDON, Oct. 28. — "This morning our battlefront was extended northwards as far as the Scheldt at Thiant. On the whole battlefront between the Sambre canal and the Scheldt the enemy resistance was overcome and our advance continued. There was hard fighting at a number of points.

"On the right the Sixth Division fought its way to the edge of the Bois-L'Evigne and captured Ors. North of this point we are approaching the western outskirts of the Mormal forest and have captured Robertstort.

"On the right centre of our attack we have continued our advance to the region of Le Quesnoy."

"We have taken the villages of Poix-du-Nord and Les Tuilleries and progressed beyond them toward Englefontaine. The village of Ghisignies was taken after a sharp struggle, the enemy defending with determination the crossings of Ecailion in the vicinity.

"Northwest of Ghisignies, we have secured the river crossings at Beaudignies, which is in our hands. Here, vigorous resistance was overcome by the New Zealanders, who in this locality captured a number of batteries, including guns of heavy calibre.

"On the left of our centre, the English captured Ruennes and are a short distance from the Le Quesnoy-Valenciennes railway, north of the village. There is heavy fighting on the high ground north of Bermerian village, which we hold, and in the region of Vendegies-sur-Ecailion.

"Verchain and Montchaux were captured by the Fourth Division, after hard fighting. On their left, after clearing the enemy from the east bank of the river, we advanced to the western outskirts of Maing in the face of heavy machine gun fire. In this sector the hostile resistance was particularly stubborn.

"Severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy in the course of these operations. Since yesterday morning we have captured more than 7,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns.

"We have reached the general line of the Sambre-ise canal, due east of Le Cateau; west of the edge of the Forest-de-Mormal, in the region of Le Quesnoy, Vendegies-sur-Ecailion and the Scheldt canal at Maing.

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PAROCHY DAVIN—KRONAU (General Council), Divine services will be held at Davin and Kronau alternately every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Saturday school within the parish in which the service will be held on Sunday. —Rev. P. Toerne.

EV. LUTH. TRINITY PARISH, Rosthern (Ohio Synod), Divine services Sunday at 11 a.m. and Sunday school; main service 10 a.m., night service 7 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible class, Young Peoples' Society every second Friday in the month at 8 p.m.

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in the month at 11 a.m. Everybody is cordially invited. —Rev. A. Schormann.

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