

## Class A Men May Enlist Only in Fighting Units

Word was received at the New Brunswick Command yesterday that men after being examined by the medical board and categorized in class A can enlist voluntarily in any combatant unit, such as the artillery, infantry and the Royal Flying Corps. Men, however, who are placed in any of the classes of B, C and D, can enlist in any non-combatant unit, such as the A. S. C., Forestry battalions, etc. This will clear away some doubt which has existed in the minds of some of those in class A. It is clearly pointed out that when once a man goes before the medical board he can only enlist voluntarily in a combatant unit, providing he is in class A. This will mean that all placed in class A can only then go to a unit that will be utilized in the first line. No man can enlist in a non-combatant unit if he is found fit for class A, the fighting class.

### Recruits

A total of 116 recruits were secured in the province during last week. The county totals follow: St. John, 89; York, 17; Carleton, 5; Charlotte, 3; Northumberland, 2; Albert, 2; Westmorland, 2; Restigouche, 1; Gloucester, 1; Madawaska, 1; Queens and Sunbury, 1; Kent and Kings, 0. Of the seventeen recruits shown for York county, five were secured in the United States.

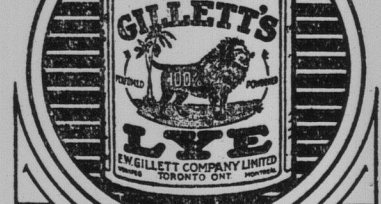
### Casualties

The names of fourteen New Brunswick men appear in the midnight casualty list: Killed in action, M. Richards, Buctouche; J. Dugas, Bathurst; L. C. Bishop, Hillsboro; A. E. Bass, Digby; J. Ferguson, Tracadie; prisoner of war, C. M. Wasson, Young's Cove; died whilst prisoner, T. A. H. Williston, Bayside; E. Bodreau, Campbellton; presumed to have died, A. T. MacDonald, Welsford; wounded, C. Sharpe, West St. John; H. L. Bonnar, Maryville; R. Lawson, St. John; Lieutenant G. W. P. Perley, Andover; died of wounds, H. W. Johnston, Cestigian.

Word has been received in the city that Private Fred D. Hayes of this city, has been wounded and is still missing. Private Hayes enlisted with the 115th battalion and was sent to France last April. His wife received a letter from a comrade of his stating that he was killed on August 15. His relatives are still in doubt as to whether or not he has been killed.

A letter has been received in the city

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from Mrs. Joseph Semple, of Fredericton, but formerly of St. John, telling that her husband, Private Joseph Semple, who was reported wounded some time ago, is now in England and is not seriously injured. The letter conveying the good news to Mrs. Semple was written by Lieutenant James B. Dever, who went overseas with the 115th battalion with which unit Private Semple was a sergeant.

### Lt. Downey, M.C.

Official word has been received in the city to the effect that Lieutenant James Turner Downey, a member of the 26th battalion and a native of St. John, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. Lieutenant Downey was a popular I. C. R. employee. At the time he won the Military Cross he was wounded but is at present completely recovered and is attached to the 20th reserve battalion.

### Medical Boards

Ninety-two men were examined yesterday by the standing medical board. Of this number forty-seven were found fit for class A, eleven for class B, eight in class C, three in class D, and twenty-three in class E.

Captain R. Robinson Black, organizer of the Boys' Cadet Corps is in the city arranging for the formation of corps in

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## No Peace Terms In Sight

London, Oct. 22—"I have scanned the horizon intently," said Premier Lloyd George today, "and can see no terms in sight which will lead to enduring peace. The only terms now possible would mean an armed truce ending in an even more frightful struggle."

The premier said he had hoped the enemy's terrible power might be broken this year, but that the temporary collapse of the Russian military power had postponed this hope. But time was on the side of the Allies, he said. Time once was neutral, but two things had changed this, namely, the advent of America and the increasing failure of the German submarine war.

The Allies were working in the greatest harmony, the premier continued. He said they were on the eve of the most important inter-allied conference ever held, at which for the first time, representatives of America and the Russian democracy would be present. He stated that the conference meant to determine the ultimate issue of the war.

all the city schools. He hopes to form a battalion here equal to any in the maritime provinces.

Word has been received from Ottawa by John Coram to the effect that his son, Private Cecil Roy Coram, had been admitted to hospital at Aldershot, suffering from strangulation of the heart and is dangerously ill. He went overseas as a member of the 165th battalion and after his arrival in England he was transferred to the 9th Siege Battery.

### Hillsboro Soldier Reported Killed.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bishop of Hillsboro (N. B.), have received word last week that their son, Private Lester Bishop, who was reported missing, was now officially reported as killed in action in June last. He went overseas with the 145th Battalion. Besides his parents he leaves two sisters and three brothers.

### WOOD CARGO TO SPAIN TO TAKE PLACE OF COAL

Havana, Oct. 5—(Correspondence)—The fuel shortage in Spain, brought about by the restrictions on coal exportation imposed by the United States and allied governments which formerly supplied that country's demands, has opened up a new industry for Cuba—the export of wood for fuel purposes to the Spanish peninsula.

Recently a small sailing vessel was purchased by Spanish interests and is being overhauled preparatory to being placed in this new export trade. Efforts are being made to obtain other vessels for the same purpose.

### Verdict For Defendant.

The case of Rilla May Smith vs. Carrie Basson, suit for \$2,000 for alleged slander, was finally submitted to the jury yesterday afternoon. There were four specific charges, three of which were rejected by the jury on legal grounds. The fourth, however, was presented to the jury. The jury returned with a verdict in favor of the defendant and his honor gave judgment for the latter with costs. Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff and Kenneth Wilson for the defendant.

## \$1,600,000,000 IN CASH WRUNG FROM BELGIUM

Washington Gets Official Total of German War Leases—Deportations Continue

Washington, Oct. 22.—Germany has so far wrung about \$1,600,000,000 in cash from Belgium, exclusive of what she has gained by occupation of the country and systematic exploitation of its resources and people. Information reaching here through official channels gives this estimate and adds that the German deportations of Belgians to work in Germany and the looting of Belgian industry continue.

According to this information, Germany still takes Belgians for "forced labor" on the German front in France, while the recruiting for Germany by means of false promises and moral pressure goes steadily on.

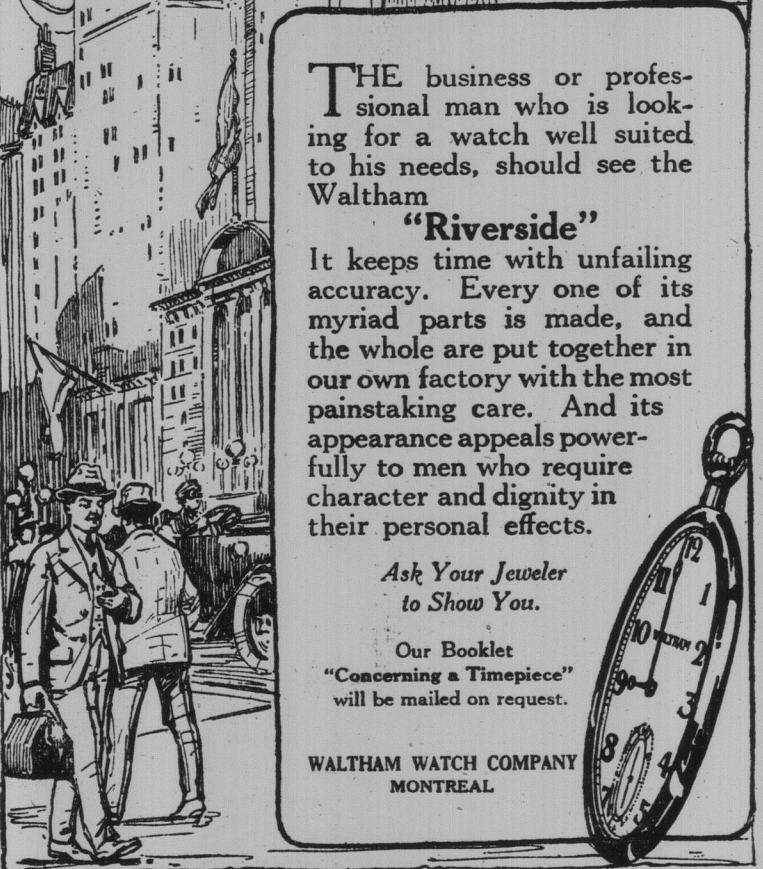
German newspapers have printed during the last year, according to this information, notices inviting German manufacturers in need of labor to apply to the German industrial bureau, the organization operating in Belgium during the violent deportations of 1916-17. The Federation of German Metallurgists has issued a circular announcing that, at the request of the munitions department, the director of the federation has been appointed intermediary to procure for German workshops the machinery and plants taken from the occupied territories. The information also is to the effect that manufacturing secrets of Belgian trade have been violated by the Germans, including the action of Dr. Emile Bruner, armed with a Berlin war office "permit," "surprised" the manufacturing secrets of the artificial silk factory of Coburg.

### Modern Economy.

In some localities, among certain classes of people, the old method of using cream of tartar and soda instead of baking powder for baking is still in vogue, without any apparent reason other than that mother used it. The use of baking powder at the present time is as much an improvement in its way as the modern swift going motor is an improvement over the horse-drawn carriage of former years, and it is hard to understand why some people will adopt modern ideas in some respects and not in others. The use of cream of tartar and soda for baking is now practically obsolete. Previous to the war cream tartar was a comparatively cheap commodity, but at the present time retails for eighty to ninety cents per pound, and baking soda from ten to twelve cents a pound, while a first class baking powder may be purchased for 35c. a pound.

The death of Joseph Walsh occurred in Beaumont, Mass., on last Saturday. Before leaving St. John he had conducted a restaurant in Prince William street, and for several years was a detective with the Allan line. His wife and two children survive.

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