

CONSCRIPTION COMING IN BRITAIN: TWO CABINET MINISTERS RESIGNED

Hon. R. Mc Kenna Chancellor of the Exchequer and Hon. W. Runciman Board of Trade, Step Out in Protest—Believed That Premier Will Keep His Pledge and Introduce Compulsory Service.

London, Dec. 29.—The Cabinet yesterday decided by a majority that it is bound by Premier Asquith's pledge and generally approved the principle of compulsion as a result of the Derby campaign.

Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, have, it is reported, resigned, but their resignations have not yet been accepted. It is possible that further resignations will follow.

London, Dec. 29.—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.

AGREEMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE.
Yesterday's Cabinet meeting, although it failed to secure an agreement of all the Ministers upon the vexed question of 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 Englishmen 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'S STATEMENT SOON.
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.

The anti-conscriptionist Ministers offered strong opposition, and it is still unknown whether any resignations will follow. It is believed, however, that this is quite likely now.

ASQUITH'S PLEDGE BINDING.
The line of policy upon which a majority of the Ministers agree, indicating that some at least, of the anti-conscriptionist section of the Cabinet so far waived their principle as to consent to a modified application of force, is as follows:

- First—That the Premier's pledge to married men is binding on the whole Government.
- Second—That the pledge should be redeemed forthwith.
- Third—That the principle of compulsion should be accepted.
- Fourth—That the Premier should announce this policy at the earliest opportunity after the re-assembly of Parliament.

It is believed that the actual formal resolution on the new policy has been postponed until another meeting

so hurriedly that at least 100,000 unmarried men were never invited to enroll. Moreover it is maintained that there is necessarily enormous difficulty in analyzing the Derby figures, and a considerable portion of the slow-moving English public opinion revolts at jumping hastily at conclusions, which would mean a change in the organic law of the country.

The supporters of the voluntary system are emphatic in declining to abandon it until some means have been taken to insure that the Derby scheme cannot be a success. The morning newspapers long ago lined them selves up on the present issue, but the evening newspapers have taken a more detached view, and their opinion therefore, is more interesting.

OPPOSES GENERAL ELECTION.
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 meets 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, who for months have used every imaginable weapon to break up the unity of the Government."

RECONSTRUCT CABINET?
The Daily Sketch says: "A reconstruction of the Cabinet is contemplated, with Messrs. Asquith, Lloyd George and Bonar Law as a nucleus, although the danger of a serious split, necessitating a new Cabinet, under another Premier is not wholly removed. We understand that practically every member of the present Cabinet has placed his provisional resignation in Mr. Asquith's hands, to be used should the situation demand it. The crux of the crisis is the question of conscription."

What About Next Year?
Yes in the name of all that is sacred and pure and home-loving and worthy, what about next year? The sterner-hearted calmness of the man who would ask such a question and then give such an answer! Will we have 677 drunks and disorderlies arrested upon our streets and 4 blind pigs in a month next year? What about next year? What about the men who will spend \$300,000 dollars over our bars and then go to roll in the gutter and beat wife and children and tumble into bed, foul and besmirched, and at last with honor and health gone, tumble into a drunkard's grave. Yes, I say, what about next year? What about our drunkards' lives and honor and family. In the name of God, we say, "What about next year." Give us that \$300,000 which the bars will grab next year under license, giving sorrow and shame in return, and we will soon pay the \$283,000.—Advt.

Fact v. Fiction.
"Five thousand deaths are caused every year in Ontario by drink," so says the local option agitators. That is the fiction of it. "Of 43,341 deaths in Ontario in 1913, only 118 were due to 'dram' poison," so stated the report of the Registrar General of Ontario, wherein it was added that the majority of the 118 deaths in question took place in rural centres where Local Option was in force. That is the fact of it.

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CANNING

The Sunday school entertainment and Christmas tree, held in the school house on the 21st, was a success and was well attended. The programme was good all through. Mr. Scott Davidson, M.P., of Paris, was chairman and filled, the position well. He opened with a few appropriate remarks and called on the school for a carol, which was well rendered. The flag drill by twelve young Ladies was splendid and the dialogues were a success. The recitations by the little tots were fine. Mr. Creen was the soloist, and was well received. Mrs. David Chesney was called on and after wishing all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and making a few remarks, she recited a Scotch piece to the satisfaction of all. The chairman gave a short address on the war and Red Cross Work. He made his remarks brief but impressive. The program was long; encores were also refused. Mr. James Scott delighted the company with some fine music on the violin. Mr. Frank Wells made a fine Santa Claus to the delight of the young folks who crowded around him and received many pretty gifts. A vote of thanks was tendered to all who helped to make the evening a success. Twenty dollars of the proceeds were sent to the Red Cross Society. The singing of the National Anthem brought the happy evening to a close.

We cannot help thinking of the sad hearts and lonely homes of those who have lost their loved ones, and of our dear boys away out yonder in the cold trenches, and of the wounded in the hospitals, so far from home. As we wish each other a Merry Christmas it is with feelings of sadness and unbidden tears and prayers for a victorious peace.

Miss Tirmans is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Martin Wells. The sleighing is good around here just now. The village is robed with the beautiful nearly two feet deep snow. The sleighing is good around here just now. The village is robed with the beautiful nearly two feet deep snow.

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DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions; your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be despondent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer. The old reliable medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone to the kidneys and builds up the whole system. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar combination of roots, barks and herbs. No other medicine acts like it, because no other medicine has the same formula or ingredients. Accept no substitute, but insist on having Hood's, and get it today.

Hotel Accommodations in Collingwood Under Local Option.

We do not know whether the people of Collingwood are aware of it or not, but they have in their "Globe" hotel one of the best hostelries in the province outside of the larger cities. The average traveller is not particularly concerned whether a hotel does or does not sell booze. What he is looking for is rest, quiet and wholesome food. He does not usually kick on the price as long as value is given. The Globe hotel has fine, large, airy, clean, well-lighted and well-heated rooms. The furniture is good, the beds comfortable, the linen clean. The meals are daintily prepared and daintily served. There is attentive business like management. Everything is as quiet and orderly as a well-regulated banking business. And all this you get for \$2.50 per day.

There are four other hotels where meals may be had at 35 cents to 50 cents. The farm trade is well looked after. There were originally eight licensed hotels in the town.—"The Belleville Ontario"—Advt.

Recruiter Threatened.

Windsor, Dec. 28.—Threats to murder Lieut. N. C. Moore, in charge of the recruiting depot at Windsor for the American Legion of Toronto, are contained in an anonymous letter received yesterday by that officer.

The communication was mailed from Detroit, and is written on plain stationery in a clear business hand. The Lieutenant is warned that he will be shot unless he closes up the recruiting depot here and leaves the service of the King within twenty-four hours.

Lieut. Moore has been the previous recipient of two such letters since he joined the legion. They were sent from New York State while he was stationed in Toronto, but at that time he put them down as the work of some practical joker. The warning taking more seriously, however, he is received yesterday, and will ask local military and civic authorities to investigate.

Philadelphia Public Ledger—It all comes to this—that lack of firmness at the outset of the submarine controversy has made it more acute, not less. We have "kept out of war," it is true, but our relations with two of the belligerents have grown worse, and they are getting sharper. Local military and civic authorities to investigate.

The money spent by visitors to the city may mean the difference between prosperity and adversity to merchants, particularly in time of business depression. If Brantford cannot provide them with hotel accommodation, how many visitors will come to Brantford and how long will they remain when they do come?—Advt.

Grand Trunk Railway

MAIN LINE EAST
Departures
6:50 a.m.—For Dundas, Hamilton and East.
7:05 a.m.—For Toronto and Montreal.
7:38 a.m.—For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations.
9:30 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto and East.
10:20 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto and East.
1:07 p.m.—Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East.
1:56 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East.
8:32 p.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto and East.
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MAIN LINE WEST
Departures
3:36 a.m.—For Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
9:05 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
9:54 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
9:55 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
3:52 p.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
6:42 p.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
7:32 p.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
8:21 p.m.—For London, Detroit and intermediate stations.

BUFFALO & GOERLICH LINE
Leave Brantford 10:05 a.m.—For Buffalo and intermediate stations.
Leave Brantford 6:00 p.m.—For Buffalo and intermediate stations.
Leave Brantford 10:05 a.m.—For Goerlich and intermediate stations.
Leave Brantford 6:38 a.m.—For Galt, Goerlich, Palmerston and all points north.
Leave Brantford 8:55 a.m.—For Galt, Goerlich and Palmerston.
Leave Brantford 8:42 p.m.—For Galt and Goerlich.

BRANTFORD & TILSONBURG LINE
Leave Brantford 10:35 a.m.—For Tilsonburg, Port Dover and St. Thomas.
Leave Brantford 6:20 p.m.—For Tilsonburg, Port Dover and St. Thomas.
G.T.R. ARRIVALS
Main Line
From West—Arrive Brantford, 1:56 a.m., 7:05 a.m., 7:38 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 1:07 p.m., 1:56 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:32 p.m.
From East—Arrive Brantford, 3:36 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 9:54 a.m., 9:55 a.m., 3:52 p.m., 6:42 p.m., 7:32 p.m., 8:21 p.m.
Buffalo & Goerlich
From East—Arrive Brantford, 8:53 a.m., 8:05 p.m.
From West—Arrive Brantford, 10:00 a.m., 6:42 p.m.
W. G. & B.
From North—Arrive Brantford, 9:05 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:23 p.m., 8:53 p.m.
From Brantford & Tilsonburg
From South—Arrive Brantford, 8:45 a.m., 5:20 p.m.

T. H. & B. Railway

For Hamilton, etc.—7:52 a.m., 11:32 a.m., 2:27 p.m., and 6:47 a.m., 11:32 a.m., 4:19 p.m. and 9:22 p.m.

Brantford & Hamilton Electric Railway

Leave Brantford—6:30 a.m., 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45, 12:45 p.m., 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:30.
Arrive Brantford—7:35 a.m., 8:35, 9:35, 10:35, 11:35, 12:35 p.m., 1:35, 2:35, 3:35, 4:35, 5:35, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35, 9:35, 10:35, 11:35, 12:35.

Brantford Municipal Railway

For Paris—Five minutes after the hour.
For Galt—7:05 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 11:05 a.m., 1:05 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:05 p.m.
Last car leaves Galt for Brantford 10:45 p.m.

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SHEARD, A., 433 Colborne St.
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LINDY, J. B., 270 Darling St.
MILBURN, J. W., 41 Mary St.
CLINKHAMMER, 130 J., 136 Albion St.
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The Electors Must Choose.

What is it to be, Mr. Ratepayer—a drunken Sabbath and "blind pigs," or law-abiding hotelmen and normal conditions?—Advt.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

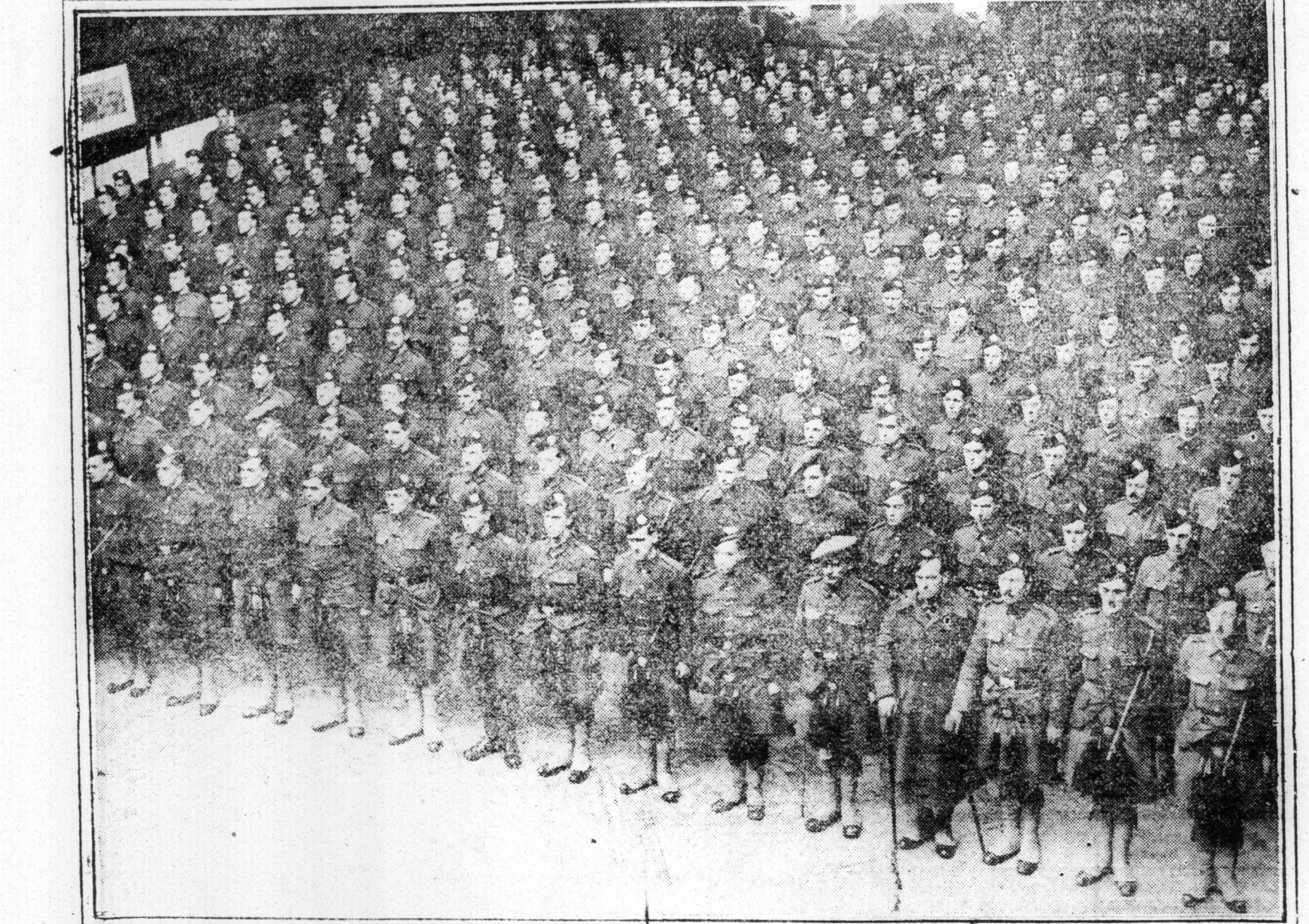
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- SLEIGHTS
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