

# ASQUITH'S BILL LEAVES CHANCE FOR ELIGIBLE MEN TO JOIN OF OWN FREE WILL

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The premier stated that the Derby scheme did not apply to Ireland, and consequently the conscription bill did not include Ireland.

The premier explained the bill provided that unmarried men or widowers without dependent children, who were between the ages of 18 and 41 and had no ground for exemption, should be deemed to have done their duty to the state just as though they had attested under the Derby plan. They would be deemed as having enlisted for the period of the war.

The act would come into force four days after receiving Royal assent and twenty-one days after that time would be allowed for the new enlistments. Territorials enlisted for home service come under the bill.

Considering the conscription bill in the light of the general effect, Mr. Asquith said, he would have been glad to do without it. He had expressed the expectation that the bill would not be necessary, but his hope had not been realized. He considered that the bill was necessary and was sanguine enough to believe that when its provisions were understood it would have the good fortune to receive something like general assent.

The premier said he wished to ask the house and the country this question: "Can any general sympathy be felt for men, for the most part young, who are unable to bring themselves within the categories of exemption under the bill and who therefore should be deemed under the law to have done what every citizen recognized as their duty of moral and national obligation in the hour of the greatest stress in our history?"

The premier still hoped the conscription contemplated by the bill would become a dead letter, saying: "Let the men come in now of their own free will. The military authorities will allow them to attest under the group system, which will be reopened."

John Redmond  
Speaking on the conscription measure, John Redmond said:

"It is with the greatest regret that I have to announce that my party cannot support the bill. Ireland regards this as her war, and she will stop at no sacrifice to bring it to a speedy and successful issue. Nobody, however, has shown that this bill is necessary for this purpose, Premier Asquith himself having declared it was needed to fulfil a certain pledge which he had given."

"I believe we have today more soldiers than we can train, equip and provide with officers."

James Henry Thomas, Labor member for Derby, opposed the bill. He said: "There is a deep-rooted suspicion in the minds of the workmen of the country that conscription has been forced on the government, not with a view to winning the war, nor because of its military value, but because a certain section of the press—"

"The remainder of the sentence was lost amid cries of 'Oh, oh,' from all sides of the house."

Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, in supporting the bill, closed with the declaration:

"We are asked to pass a bill, not because compulsion is a matter of national necessity, and if the house decides that no national necessity exists, then the house must make up its mind that the war will have to be finished without the assistance of the present premier."

John Dillon, Nationalist, and William L. Williams, Liberal, ridiculed the bill. Mr. Dillon said:

"We are asked to pass a bill, not because of military necessity, but because the premier was trapped into making a pledge. The bill won't be the end of the matter because, as soon as it comes into operation its absurdity will be so manifest that there will be an immediate clamor from the Northcliffe press from general compulsion, and the clamor will be irresistible, because never was a bill brought forward based on a more unworkable system."

Mr. Williams said: "The bill is being improperly rushed through the House. Many officers

have trooped back from the front to vote down those who stick to their principles. I don't know how long this government of shreds and tatters is going to last, but it cannot last long. I would sooner see a Tory government in power than a cabinet which declares unbounded devotion to voluntarism, while cutting the throat of voluntarism."

The House of Lords was the scene of another debate on conscription hardly less animated than that in the House of Commons, as Earl Kitchener, secretary of war, urged the imperative necessity of strengthening the army by the means now proposed.

Lord Kitchener declared himself a firm supporter of the voluntary system and regarded the present measure as only a temporary deviation from the established policy.

John Hodge, Labor member of the Gordon division of Lancashire, and secretary of the Steel Smelters' Amalgamated Association, speaking in behalf of the Labor party said that their attitude would depend upon the decision taken at tomorrow's conference.

The Right Hon. Charles E. Hobhouse, one of the anti-conscriptionists, said that as the prime minister had declared that the bill was vital to the continuance of the war, he could not assume the responsibility of opposing it. He, however, asked the government to give assurance that this temporary measure was not to be the preliminary to a permanent measure. The country was also entitled to know if the chancellor of the exchequer and the president of the board of trade, as representing the finance and trade of the country, were behind the bill.

Another Argument for Conscription.  
London, Jan. 5.—The advocates of compulsory service for single men were furnished with an additional argument today by the official statement that the cost of separation allowances for the dependents of one thousand unmarried men amounts only to 267 pounds sterling weekly, as compared with 870 pounds for the same number of married men.

London, Jan. 5.—The fullest and fairest trial has been given to the voluntary system, declared Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, secretary of state for war, addressing the House of Lords today.

"We are now asking parliament to sanction a change," said Earl Kitchener, "as it has been proved that in special circumstances of this unprecedented struggle the existing system, without modification is not equal to maintain the army which is needed to secure victory over our enemies."

"I do not consider the change proposed should be regarded in the light of any derogation of the principle of voluntary service in this country," declared the secretary of war, speaking, he said, "only as a soldier, with a single eye to the successful conduct of the war."

"Compulsion," he added, "is a necessary and a just resort, only in the class of men, who have but a poor idea of their duty as citizens."

"Seventeen months ago," said Earl Kitchener, in beginning his speech, "I stated the broad financial principle of the military steps which I considered necessary to meet the emergency of the war. The scheme for augmenting our forces then set on foot was based on a definite plan to secure, by successive increases to our military strength, an army commensurate with our power and responsibilities, with the proper complement of reserves and reinforcements necessary to keep up its effective strength in the field during the war."

"Further we had to produce, for the army thus created, the guns, ammunition and military material requisite to maintain its fighting value. This scheme had developed under the system of voluntary military service existing in the country, and this system

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Requiem High Mass. Friends invited.  
GRIFFITH—In this city, on the 4th inst., at her late residence, 224 Sydney street, Annie, widow of Patrick Griffith, leaving five sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. Notice of funeral later.

### DIED.

McKENNA—In this city, on 3rd inst. Michael J., youngest son of the late John and Bridget McKenna, leaving his wife and five children—one brother and one sister to mourn. (Boston papers please copy.)  
Funeral on Friday morning, at 8.30, from his late residence, 197 Chesley street, to Saint Peter's Church for burial.

### BARKENTINE SOLD.

Lunenburg Barkentine Maggie Belle has been sold at St. John's, N.B., and will be used in the foreign fish carrying trade.

### A Simple Way to Remove Dandruff

There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once, and that is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain common liquid arvon from any drug store (this is all you will need), apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single shaft and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

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### THE PERSIA.

### REASONS FOR REORGANIZATION OF CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES BRIGADES ON INFANTRY BASIS EXPLAINED BY MILITIA DEPT.

Special to The Standard  
Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The following statement is issued by the militia department: "As there has been considerable comment based entirely on misunderstanding on the reorganization of the Canadian Mounted Rifles Brigades, it is best that the true reason for this step should be properly understood. The explanation is that it was found that the organization of the first and second Canadian Mounted Brigades, each consisting of three regiments of three squadrons, was suitable for the relief of infantry brigades in the trenches. Application was made early in November to reorganize these units into a brigade on an infantry basis. This was not extremely necessary recommendation has now been sanctioned by the Canadian government."

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