

THE SUMMONS.



LIPTON MIGHT BE
DRIVEN TO MARRY
BY BAGHELORS TAX

If British Government so Decided
it Would Frighten Him,
He Remarks

Appalled by Fashions—Women's Dress
Bill Deters Young Men Thinking of
Marriage—Look-in For Old Chaps

New York, April 24—Apparently there is nothing more foreign to the mind of Sir Thomas Lipton, Great Britain's most distinguished bachelor, on his visit to this country than the thought of matrimony.

However, when the subject was mentioned to him in relation to the English government's recent threat to place a sort of post-war tax upon her wealthy bachelors, Sir Thomas smiled as he parried the question, as did some of his friends who were present in his apartments at the Hotel Commodore. "They were married men, and they said it was clearly a problem that Sir Thomas himself would have to face, and alone, if he possessed the courage, and they were sure that he did."

"Well," said Sir Thomas, "I believe if the British government were to place that tax on bachelors it might frighten me into matrimony. I think most bachelors today, though, are frightened enough at the prospect of matrimony."

"The great extravagance of women today in their dress appals the average modern man. This represents one of the wonders of the earth—this wonderful habit of dress that our women today have. I am told that many women wear two or three new hats a day to keep up with the fashion. Isn't that so?" he inquired of his married friends.

"They murmured something about it being so, and their depressed manner for the moment seemed to indicate that Sir Thomas's diagnosis of the fashion situation might be a correct one."

"Of course, today, with England's vast number of women exceeding the male population, there may be a look-in for some old chaps like myself now," Sir Thomas chuckled.

"But about that tax," he resumed, "I haven't quite made up my mind how I would meet it, but if the British government places such a tax on us I might, if I should find the right article, marry in this country and remain here and escape the tax."

"But, seriously, if the tax became a reality I believe it might have the effect of marrying off a lot of bachelors at home. It would bring the question of matrimony home to these men in a way it had never been brought before. And if they got to turning the question over in their minds it might be that many confirmed bachelors might become convinced that matrimony was something they should undertake. But of course I cannot speak for the lot of them. One can never tell what a bachelor may do in regard to the question of matrimony."

"Not a Woman Hater?"

But Sir Thomas is not in the class of bachelors who are known as women haters, for he extolled the service women had rendered during the war, both British women and American women living in England.

"There is no more popular woman in England than the Duchess of Marlborough," he said. "She is liked by everybody, by rich and poor alike, because of the great work she has done for humanity."

At his Lindin home Sir Thomas entertained at special luncheons and teas and dinners many American nursing units that passed through London on their way to France. One of these was the Chicago girls' unit, which Sir Thomas has great admiration for. "They were a splendid lot of women," he said. "I worked for some time in New Orleans and lived in a boarding-house. After many years, when good fortune came my way, I visited New Orleans. I then stopped at the fashionable St. Charles Hotel. I shall never forget that visit, for what impressed me greatly was a visit from my former boarding-house keeper. "Like His Mother Made."

"She called at my hotel one day to pay her respects. She said, 'You know you always told me I made griddle cakes like your mother used to make them.' She hadn't forgotten that, either." During the war Sir Thomas ran a hospital ship from Marseilles to Saloniki, and he praised the bravery and service of the young nurses who went out there to do their bit. He also praised the 5,000 women employees of his shops during the war period.

"Before the war," he said, "scarcely any women were employed in these shops. But they came in as the men went out to fight, and the way they took hold of the work and managed it was something splendid."

London bus girls and some of their wartime experiences.

"They were a great success," he said, "but, leading such a public life, they were the subject of humorous stories. One of these I heard was told by a passenger, who stopped the bus before a candy shop while he went in and bought some for the conductress and the driver."

"But altogether, the women won a great name for themselves in this war. No one can deny that. They surprised us all by their initiative in the great organization work they did, by their great vitality under strain, for they seemed to be always working, and never a complaint did you hear. Wherever they served the government, whether it was in hospitals or factories or with the army in Flanders, they showed the same spirit the 'never say die' spirit."

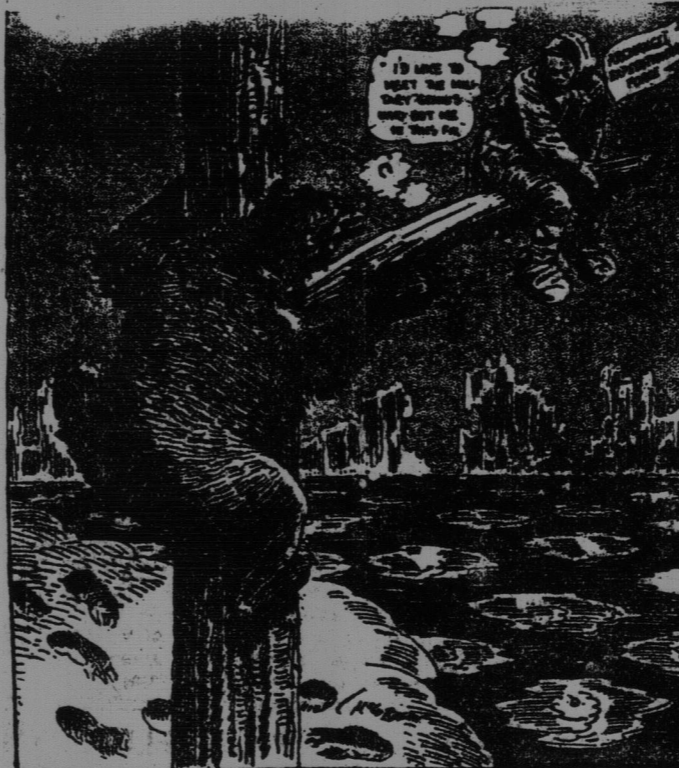
THREE COMPANIES
OF R. C. R. ARE
TO BE AT HALIFAX

Recruiting Now Going on to Replace War Service Men Anxious for Discharge—Commodious Barracks to be Erected

(Halifax Echo.)

Many important changes in military matters in Halifax fortress may be looked for in the next few years and operation of some of these changes may begin at early dates. In the first place it is now known definitely that the two national infantry regiments of Canada are to be the R. C. R. and the Princess Pats, both with great war records, and it is almost a certainty that the R. C. R. will be the maritime provinces and eastern Canadian corps and Princess Pats the western as a matter of fact recruiting for the R. C. R. is—and presumably the P. P.'s—is going on actively now. Halifax is to be the depot of the R. C. R. and three companies of 250 men each are to be stationed here permanently. The full strength of the corps will depend on the

TWIXT THE BOLSHEVIKI AND THE DEEP SEA.



number of stations the regiment will have to cover and these places have not yet been announced, but it is a fact that recruiting for the corps has been opened at Montreal as well as Halifax, so that the maritime provinces are not expected to furnish the whole corps. Montreal is evidently going to be the western station point of the regiment.

Active Recruiting.

At present recruiting is being pushed with a view of allowing of the discharge of the R. C. R. men who served overseas and who are anxious to get back to their farms, trades or stores. The senior men in the corps wishing discharges will be the earliest to get them. The Garrison

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