

NEW BILL AFFECTS ONLY ONE CLASS OF MEN, THOSE WHO WILL NOT VOLUNTEER, SAYS KITCHENER

Skeleton Organizations of Large Army of Britain Now Filled Up and to Keep It Up to Strength Constant Supply of Reserves Necessary, and New Compulsion Bill Will Bring Them In.

London, Jan. 6.—The fullest and fairest trial has been given the voluntary system, declared Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, addressing the House of Lords yesterday.

"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 maintaining the army which is needed to secure victory."

"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 for War, stressing, he said, "only as a soldier with a single eye to the successful conduct of the war."

"Compulsion, he added, affects during the period of the war only one 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 principles 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, ammunitions and military material requisite to maintain its fighting value. The scheme had developed under the system of voluntary military service existing in the country, and this system has given us results far greater than most of us would dare have predicted, certainly beyond anything our enemies contemplated. In the early stages of the war men responded to the call in almost embarrassing thousands, and until a few months ago we maintained by a steady flow of recruits the supply of men we required in as large numbers as we could train and equip them."

REPLENISHING WASTAGES
"The cadres (skeleton organizations) of the large army we now possess having been formed, it is necessary to keep it up to strength in the field by a constant supply of reserves, replenishing the wastages of voluntary recruits ceased to ensure the full provision necessary of trained reserves. Every effort was made by the Earl of Derby's canvass to repair this deficiency, and at its inception of the scheme Premier Asquith,

in behalf of the Government, gave a pledge in the House of Commons regarding military service for unmarried men. It is now necessary to redeem that pledge in order to maintain the voluntary principle as regards the service of married men in the future."

"So far, we have been able to provide for the large increase in the army and for its maintenance, on a purely voluntary system, and I personally always hoped we should be able to finish the war successfully without changing that system which had done so well, which had given us such splendid material in the field as the soldiers now fighting in the different theatres. 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."

"It only affects during the period of the war one class of men, amongst whom there undoubtedly are a certain number who have but a poor idea of their duties as citizens, and require some persuasion greater than an appeal to bring them to the colors."

NOT ALL SHIRKERS

"Whilst there are in the class affected some such shirkers, there no doubt are many whose reasons for not joining will be found valid. I am far from wishing it thought that all those who are described by the term I have used for some time. Many of these men have probably conflicting calls upon them, and will only be too happy that the Government should remove the doubts which they have been unable to decide for themselves. I speak only as a soldier, with a single eye to the successful conduct of the war. I feel sure every one will agree when I say that the fullest and fairest trial has been given the system which I found in existence, and of which I felt it my duty to make the best use. We are now asking Parliament to sanction a change, as it has been proved that in the special circumstances of this utterly unprecedented struggle the existing system without modification, is not equal to maintaining the army, which is needed to secure victory."

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IRELAND AND PACIFISTS EXEMPTED UNDER NEW CONSCRIPTION LAW

Emerald Isle Not Included in Scope of New Bill While People Who "Object on Conscientious Grounds to the Taking of Life" Not to be Called Upon.

London, Jan. 6.—Every seat in the House was filled and the galleries were packed for the opening of the most momentous session of Parliament in the history of England. The surrounding streets were packed with crowds eager to see the members of the government pass by on their way to propose the conscription measure.

The preliminary proceedings were hardly audible on account of the excitement which preceded Premier Asquith's entrance. Khaki was in evidence everywhere. Great numbers of members who are on active service had obtained leave for the occasion. The display of uniforms was extremely impressive. Not a sound was perceptible when Premier Asquith arose at 3:10 o'clock to read "Military Service Bill No. 2, to make provisions with respect to military service in connection with the war." The bill drafts eligible unmarried men to military duty.

The Premier was frequently cheered as he referred to the figures of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign, which he described as "wonderful." His assertion that the figures failed to make out a case for general conscription were also welcomed by loud calls of "Hear—hear—hear."

TWO EXCEPTIONS

The first disturbance came at the Premier's reference to "the time area in which the new measure will be effective," meaning that Ireland would be excluded from the bill. The real outcry came however when the Premier declared that among the exemptions would be men with "conscientious objections to undertaking combatant service."

The members were obviously amazed. The surprise was heard from all sides. The Premier repeated his words twice at the request of the House. The explanation was heard from all sides. The Premier repeated his words twice at the request of the House. The explanation was heard from all sides. The Premier repeated his words twice at the request of the House. The explanation was heard from all sides.

Mr. Asquith said he was totally unable, after making the largest possible hypothetical deduction, to consider the number of unrecruited single men as anything but a substantial, and even considerable amount. He added that Sir John Simon, whose resignation as Home Secretary was announced yesterday, thought the figures might be reduced to an inestimable quantity. If he had shared this view, Mr. Asquith said the present contingency would not have arisen, but he could not think that the primary obligation was to keep faith at all costs with the married man.

NO PACIFISTS WANTED

Mr. Asquith said exemptions from service could be claimed on grounds as in the case of men attested under the Derby plan. The grounds of exemption include conscientious objection to performing military service.

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accepting positions in Montreal, Cornwall has dropped out of the eastern section of the senior O.H.A. Frank Hefferman, the former Victoria defence player, is playing with the Crescents of New York. The latter are scheduled to play in Boston to-night, and yesterday President G. R. Hallock, of the American Hockey League wired President James Sutherland of the O. H. A. regarding Hefferman's status. Sutherland wired back that Hefferman was under suspension by the O. H. A. but was not professionalized.

Ottawa had the bye last night in the N. H. A. while Torontos will have it on Saturday night. "Dummy" Ulrich, the ex-Wanderer player, may receive a trial from the Canadiens.

Corbett Denney did not accompany the Torontos to Montreal last night, but will get into the game next week. Ottawa Citizen: Sammy Lichtenhein is still trying to escape with that David Harum stuff he learned in baseball. He wishes to trade Carl Kendall and George O'Grady to the Torontos for Cyril Denney, their best forward.

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