

# NATIONALISTS ABANDON THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE COMPULSORY SERVICE BILL

## Redmond Announces Nationalists Will Not Oppose Conscription Since Ireland is Excepted --- Labor Member, Chief Speaker Against Bill in Yesterday's Debate, Disavowed and Remarks had Little Effect

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"I am profoundly disappointed with the way the Coalition government has dealt with the matter of Ireland. Ireland is less concerned with the result of the war than Great Britain? You may go on making sacrifices, and we will be prepared to rejoice in and share the result. As an Irishman, I say that Ireland should be ashamed to be open to such reproach.

"Has Ireland done better than Great Britain in recruiting? She has not done half as well, and it is a great mistake to go on butting her up, telling her she has done splendidly, when she has not.

"I make one more appeal to Mr. Redmond. It is that he consider whether Ireland cannot even now be included in the bill.

Reviewing the history of the war, Sir Edward Carson declared that lack of men had been the chief reason for failure in the Dardanelles, and of the Serbian expedition.

Challenge to Opponents.

"What will anything matter, if we lose?"

In derisive manner he invited the opponents of the bill to take over the government, and to declare to the country that, although Lord Kitchener and the whole military staff advised that there is not sufficiency of men, the people would be fools if they agreed to conscription to bring in the soldiers.

Referring to suggestions regarding the conscription of property, Sir Edward declared he would not shrink from it, if necessary in this way to raise funds to win the war.

"What good is property to me?" he said, "if I have to hang my head in shame?"

He expressed profound disappointment at the exclusion of Ireland from the bill, as Irishmen are not less concerned in the gaining of victory than is the democracy of England.

"As an Irishman," said Sir Edward, "I say we ought to be ashamed to be subjected to such a reproach. Ireland has not done half as well as England in recruiting, and it is a greater mistake to go on butting her up, telling her she has done splendidly when she has not."

Turning towards Mr. John Redmond Sir Edward Carson appealed to him to consider whether, even now, Ireland could not be included.

"I believe in my heart," he said, "that when the hour of victory comes, as it certainly will come, we who are Irishmen will feel ashamed when we remember that we expected others to make sacrifices from which we provided for our own exclusion."

Augustine Birrell, the Irish Secretary, replying to Sir Edward Carson, said:

"The government never contemplated the application of the bill to Ireland, for they could not hope to establish in Ireland those appeal tribunals where the success of the bill in Great Britain depends. Ireland has done wonderfully well, but I say 'do not rush her.'

"Irish loyalty is a plant that has to be well watered, well nurtured, never pulled up by the roots. If before the war anyone had told me that Ireland would do what she has already done, I would have stared at him in wild surprise, and whispered 'you don't know what you are talking about.'

"Who, remembering Irish history, dares say Ireland has not done amazingly well?"

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Inspection will be made by a United States inspector at the port of entry in the permit, and if the shipment be found to be diseased, entry may be refused.

3. No inspection or certification will be required prior to shipment, but potato growers and shippers are advised that the continuation of such entry will depend on the offering for entry into the United States of potatoes free from dangerous diseases and insect pests.

All persons engaged in this trade should have their potatoes carefully "racked," and any diseased or scabby potatoes removed.

For further information, apply to the Dominion Botanist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

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### NEW OFFICERS OF POWER BOAT CLUB

The St. John Power Boat Club held its sixth annual meeting last night at which reports of the various committees and financial statement were submitted, showing the club to be in flourishing condition. Forty-nine new members were elected during the year and receipts were in advance of previous years. A burgee of the Dighy Boat Club was presented by Fritz Dakin of Dighy.

The following officers were elected: Commodore, S. F. Gerow; vice-commodore, J. C. Chesley; rear commodore, F. W. Tapley; secretary, R. A. Jamelton; treasurer, John Thornton; Executive, H. Roberts, F. Roberts, G. E. Day, H. McIntyre, J. E. Fisher. Sailing and racing committees, W. Wilson, G. Reynolds, S. McMackin, W. Scott, L. McLellan, C. Ducey, A. W. Waterson. Measurers, J. D. Brosnan, J. Thompson, H. Roberts. Inspectors, V. Cowan, A. Noddin, W. Whitaker. Auditors, W. Bagnall, C. S. McLean, A. G. McMillan. House committee, J. C. Chesley, John Thornton, R. A. Jamelton.

The annual cruise will be held July 1st to Sand Point.

# FIGHTING FOR FRANCE

## OPERA HOUSE

### All This Week—Four Times Daily

Official Views Taken Under the Auspices of the French Government and Presented in St. John by

# THE STANDARD

First Time Shown in Maritime Provinces

Tuesday evening Mayor Frink and party, Lieut. Col. Dansereau and party, and several other notables, both civil and military, viewed the pictures. After the performance Mayor Frink in conversation with the writer expressed himself as having been much interested in the scenes and also spoke of the clearness and excellent photography.

Today everybody is talking war, our destiny, and the future of our country, and the liberties we will enjoy are being decided on the battlefields of Europe. Our parents, relatives and friends have gone to fight for the Allies. All this week at the Opera House the pictures "Fighting For France" are a revelation of the work these fighters do and the conditions under which they are living while changing the map of Europe. These pictures, taken in a half-dozen different countries, show the war in all its different aspects. The spectator at the Opera House is taken from the comfort opera chair far away into the trenches in Northern France and along the battlefield. During the two-hour show it is as if you had received a military pass and under escort were traversing the line of battle, seeing the big guns in action, the cavalry charges, the armored automobiles and aeroplanes, hand grenades, mortars, gas masks and all the other new and terrible aids of modern warfare. The people of St. John now have the opportunity of seeing the immense army of Gen. Joffre, the Russian legions, the intrepid Italian cavalry, the brave Canadian and English troops, the heroic Serbians, the noble Belgians and the Teuton hordes. The whole show is most interesting and educational and everyone in St. John should see it this week.

### SOME OF THE SCENES

- In the Champagne district a corps of engineers, protected by cavalry, establish a line of communication with the fortifications.
- Crowds in the public squares in Paris awaiting news from the front.
- French soldiers destroying a bridge across the Sava river.
- Battle between aeroplanes in the clouds and the destruction of a German Taube.
- Balloons and Dirigibles used for locating the enemy's lines.
- Wounded soldiers arrive in Belgrade on wagons drawn by oxen.
- A camel caravan transporting provisions for the Russian army.
- Bombardment of the forts in the Dardanelles and the firing of a Turkish fort.
- The intrepid camera man taking pictures on the bridge of a battleship during an engagement.
- English troops with a corps of engineers constructing a pontoon bridge.
- French gendarmes examining the passports of travellers on the frontier between Belgium and Holland.
- The use of catapults and grenades.
- The use of bicycles on a reconnoitering expedition.
- German prisoners cutting wood in the forest for the army kitchens.
- Canadian troops disembarking in London and marching to Salisbury.
- Body of English marines passing through Paris on their way to the Dardanelles.
- The destructive work wrought in a forest by the sweeping fire from machine guns.
- The evening before the battle of the Marne.
- The soldier at rest and play.

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### Would Favor Even Industrial Conscription

"The fact is," he urged, "we cannot win the war without this bill."

He declared that the opponents of conscription had failed to realize the difficulties with which the Allies are faced. Turning toward the Labor benches, he said:

"Somebody has remarked that this bill is likely to lead to an industrial conscription of wealth. I say if industrial conscription, or conscription of wealth is necessary, to the winning of the war, why should we shrink from it? The country surely is willing to make any sacrifices necessary to bring the great struggle to a successful conclusion. What good is property to me if I have to hang my head in eternal shame, because my country has been beaten?"

The chief speaker against the bill today was William Crawford Anderson, Labor member for the Attentive division of Sheffield. He is a well known labor leader, the son of a blacksmith, and the organizer of the powerful Shop Assistants' Union. The effect of his speech, however, was largely discounted by the fact that he was greatly disavowed as the representative of the Labor party by Will Thorne, founder of the Gas Workers' Union.

Mr. Anderson said he represented the majority of opinion of the Labor Congress, which he believed truly reflected the opinion of the working people of the country.

"Moreover," he added, "the prejudice of the working people against conscription will have been as time goes by. I warn you that the government is heading straight toward disaster if it attempts to apply the principles of this bill.

"If the bill passes, then God help the work people when they come to fight their own battles. In my opinion the mere victory of British munitions will be a small gain if England meantime undergoes spiritual and moral defeat."

In making the announcement that the Nationalists would not further oppose the military service bill, Mr. Redmond pointed out that they had made their protest against it, but now recognized that the measure had the support of an overwhelming majority of British representatives in the house. He expressed the hope that the bill would be passed quickly.

At the continuation of the debate today, Sir John Simon and Arthur Henderson are expected to be the principal speakers. The former recently resigned from the cabinet on account of opposition to the bill, and the latter was prepared to resign because he favored the bill. While the debate is on, Premier Asquith will receive the Labor members of the House of Commons and other labor leaders for a conference, to which the greatest importance is attached in parliamentary circles. According to present arrangements the bill will reach the House of Lords within ten days.

Redmond With Government.

Mr. Redmond intervened early in the debate, having gone direct to parliament from a meeting of the Irish party. He quickly raised himself and his followers once more on the side of the government.

Mr. Redmond said that the Irish Nationalists, having made their protest against the military service bill, and recognizing that the measure had the support of an overwhelming majority of British representatives in the house, would cost no further vote in any form against it. Even the opponents of the bill, he said, admitted it was receiving the support of a large majority of the public of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Redmond admitted that the majority in favor of the bill in the vote on the first reading, excluding the Irish members, was ten to one, and that under these circumstances he and his colleagues could not take the responsibility of any further opposition. He said the bill would become law and changed it would be passed rapidly,

### REGULATIONS FOR SHIPPING POTATOES TO U. S. FROM CANADA

The federal Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, has issued the following regarding shipment of potatoes to United States:

On and after the 1st January, 1916, potatoes may be shipped from Canada to the United States, subject to the following conditions:

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with the First Division, have enough some of the worst bath men receive fresh socks a Divisional Officer Medical. When I left on November 1st, I was making preparations to the men in the trenches with We did not need to get them, as they were always at the bath houses."

(Signed) CAPT. CONOVER, Battalion, First Division, from St. John, Ont.

had no difficulty about socks men. Men well supplied bath houses under director of Service. If extra supply we requisitioned them from nance Officer. I have been id of two battalions, now have d. Have a month's furlough e travelled across the ocean a few days with my wife and in Toronto."

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