

News From Abroad.

The following cable news from this city was published in Canadian papers, under the heading "Conscription Working Well in Newfoundland."

St. John's, N.F., July 14.—Newfoundland's conscription law, which went into effect six weeks ago, has operated so effectively that to-day the Newfoundland regiment is recruited to full war strength. It is not expected that a second draft call will be made until autumn at the close of the season for fishing. Newfoundland's vital industry. Women have replaced men on the farms but as this is not possible on the fishing boats the manpower for military service is limited.

The conscription law originally was made effective May 24, Empire Day, but was postponed a week because ice floes on the north coast delayed the distribution of registration papers. In the interval, nearly 1,500 men voluntarily enlisted. Twenty-five hundred registered under the law as ready for immediate service and 3,000 claimed exemption.

Some resistance to the law was experienced but the evaders were rounded up by military patrols. Nearly all those forcibly taken accepted the alternative of enlisting rather than go to jail for two to five years, the penalty for failure to register.

Moving Pictures for the Home

AT A MODERATE EXPENSE.

A comparatively inexpensive combination moving-picture camera and projector for amateur use is illustrated in the August Popular Mechanics Magazine. It bears about the same relation to the costly and heavy professional machines as a compact, light camera does to a cumbersome apparatus employed by portrait photographers. Exclusive of its tripod, the new movie camera weighs less than three and a half pounds. It uses standard film and is operated as easily as any simple "still" instrument. The capacity of its magazines, designed for daylight loading, is 20 feet, which, because eight instead of 16 pictures are taken per second, records as much action as 40 feet of film in a professional machine. Sharp, clear pictures capable of reasonable enlargement for "stills" are obtained. By changing the lens, attaching a light frame with reels of 200-foot capacity, and mounting a small, cylindrical lamp-house, the camera is converted into a projector.

The New Hun Secretary

In his speech before the main committee of the Reichstag the other day Chancellor Von Hertling was emphatic in declaring that Admiral von Hintze, named to succeed von Kuehlmann as German Foreign Secretary, would follow "my line of policy and not his own." The statement is worth noting because, indirectly, it supports the assertion contained in several recent despatches that there was much opposition in some quarters in Germany to the appointment of von Hintze.

Von Kuehlmann was described as one of the more moderate of German statesmen. Von Hintze, on the other hand, is a Pan-German of the Pan-Germans. He was a protégé in his younger days of Admiral von Tirpitz, author of the campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare. His selection for the post of Foreign Secretary is traced to the most violent Pan-German element which gives adherence to a programme of unlimited aggression—the element which has been represented by such men as von Tirpitz and Ludendorff. The heads of the Reichstag parties were not consulted, but suddenly, as an Amsterdam despatch has put it, "a violent Pan-German is set up as foreign minister in a government which is presumed to accept the Reichstag's majority policy."

The Chancellor's declaration that von Hintze would not follow his own line of policy but von Hertling's was evidently intended to allay the anger aroused by the admiral's nomination to succeed von Kuehlmann. But once in office von Hintze may be counted on to endeavor to follow the course desired by the Pan-Germans with whom he has been so closely associated rather than the policy desired by the moderate element. Perhaps realization of this truth will prevent the people from being lulled into calmness again by the chancellor's assurance. However, that may be, the selection of von Hintze ought to be evidence to the German people as to how little their wishes weigh with Potsdam and the other evidence to the Allies of the firm grip which the Pan-Germans still have upon Germany's affairs. Sydney Record.

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St. John's, Nfld., July 20, 1918.

More Hun Atrocities.

Boston, July 18.—The American public can believe anything and everything it reads or hears concerning German atrocities, writes C. C. Lyon, of the Boston Record.

During my year in France, while I was with the American, French and Belgian armies, a number of instances of German mistreatment of helpless men, women and children came under my notice.

For a few days, several months ago, while an American infantry regiment to which I was attached was in reserve in a little French village a few miles behind the firing line, I was billeted in a house formerly occupied by a Catholic priest.

On the mantle of the bedroom where I slept was a photo of a fine-looking man of about 40, and leaning against the photo was a shattered crucifix.

An old woman who owned the house told me the story:

"That is the picture of my brother. For some years he was priest of this parish. The German army came through here in 1914 in their advance on Paris, and they began shelling our village when they came within a few miles of it.

"In his priestly robes, my brother went out to protest to the German General against it.

Priest Murdered.

"My brother was ordered shot on the spot by the German General. They stood him up along the roadside and there he faced a German firing squad.

"He held his crucifix before him and the bullet that ended his life struck it, glancing off and entering his heart. He was left lying beside the road by his murderers. The crucifix on the mantle is the one he held in his hand when he died."

In another French community is a little blind boy of between 3 and 4 who would grope his way about, pathetically trying to play with the other children. Here is his story: During the German advance in 1914 a young wife was about to be delivered of a child, but there were no native physicians left in the village. So request was made that a German surgeon attend the mother. He did so and a baby boy was born.

The Surgeon Monster.

The grateful young mother and her relatives thanked the German surgeon, and in it he said:

"You thanked me to soon for attending you during the birth of your baby son. I am a German and Germany is at war with your country, so I took good care that your son should never become a soldier. He will never see!"

The unspeakable cur had blinded the boy baby by putting something in its eyes!

Another day I visited a town in the area that was evacuated by Hindenburg a year ago last spring when he was forced to shorten his western line. It was a beautiful town of 10,000 people. The Germans systematically dynamited every building in the little city, except those in three blocks at one edge.

Took Women to Germany.

This story was told me by an old man I found wandering about:

"Before they began their dynamiting," he said, "they picked out of the civilian population all the able-bodied women and girls and sent them to Germany, leaving only old people and little children. Then they put us in three blocks and told us they were going to blow up the town, but the three blocks we were in would be spared."

"From our places in the spared area we saw them destroy all the rest of the town. Then they retired. But when they had gone two or three miles outside the town, they turned their cannon on the three blocks, where the old folks and children were sheltered and more than a hundred of them were killed."

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