

ENGLAND FACES MILITARY CRISIS

The Question of Conscription Once More Looming Large on the Horizon.

London, Aug. 19.—England is about to face a grave military crisis which will affect not only the native-born Britishers, but all foreign residents stopping in the country. The question of conscription is looming large on the horizon.

Many technical military experts point to this measure as the only possible way of "saving the country" and bringing England up to the fighting level of continental powers; while others, on the other hand, altogether, and say that conscription is entirely contrary to the whole trend of English thought.

The secretary of state for war, Mr. Haldane, who has been attempting to recast entirely the British fighting force, promised to have 300,000 volunteers enlisted by June 30. As a matter of fact he has obtained so far only 65 per cent of this number. As Haldane's measures are recognized, even by his opponents, as the "last step" between the country and the much-lamented conscription, the situation is acknowledged to be serious.

Herculean efforts are being made all over the country by various county associations—otherwise enlistment bureaus—to bring the force up to the required standard. Even King Edward himself, who has come to wield considerable political and military power, is actively interested in trying to avoid compulsory military service in England.

Haldane Vision Fades.

Despite all these efforts the returns from the volunteer enlistment posts point conclusively to the fact that Haldane will not obtain his men. The date set for the fulfillment of the Haldane vision has come and gone, and still the number of men has not been made up. Furthermore, a decided popular feeling against joining the army under present circumstances is manifesting itself, even among former officers and men who have worn his majesty's uniform.

A still more alarming fact is that every ship leaving England is being lined away from the shores of this country young men—at the fighting age—who have been scared off by the rumors of approaching conscription. It is a significant fact that the steamship companies report that this year marks a record in emigration from England.

From an international point of view, England's present position is one which affects the world, particularly the United States. It is considered by many military experts that if England goes in for conscription America will have to follow suit. Mr. Miller McGuire, LL.D., principal of one of the most important military colleges in England, and a recognized expert and lecturer on such subjects, considers the interests of England and the United States as practically identical in these matters.

DECREASE IN IMPORTS

But the Exports of Manufactured Articles Show an Increase.

Ottawa, Aug. 19.—Trade returns for the first four months of the present fiscal year, and particularly for the month of July, indicate that the reaction from stringent times has not yet become evident at Canada's customs houses. There continues to be a heavy decline in the volume of imports. The decline in the amount of exports is not so great.

During the first four months of the fiscal year ending with July Canada's import amounted to \$91,885,201, a decrease of \$29,915,809. Dutiable goods were imported to the amount of \$52,218,053, a decrease of \$2,485,364; free goods to the amount of \$37,196,488, a decrease of \$14,534,337; coin and bullion was imported to the amount of \$2,472,660, an increase of \$167,556.

The duty collected amounted to fourteen and a quarter millions, a decrease of a little over six millions compared with the first four months of last year. During July alone the imports amounted to \$22,967,094, or a decrease of \$11,590,904, and there was a falling off of \$1,914,257 in the customs revenue for the month.

Canada's exports for the four months ending with July totalled \$67,295,010, a decrease of \$2,485,364, compared with the same period of the year before. The exports of the products of the mines fell off about a half million dollars in value, while exports of fish increased by about the same amount. There was a decline of a million and a quarter in the export of lumber. Half a million dollars' worth of animals and their produce were exported. In agricultural exports there was a decline of four and three-quarter millions. Manufacturers increased their exports by three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. During the month of July only the exports totalled \$22,112,324, which is four and a half millions less than during the same month of last year.

KILLED BY A CAR.

Montreal, Aug. 19.—George A. Nicholson, of Guelph, Eastern Townships, a delegate to the Oddfellows' convention here, was struck by a street car on St. Lawrence street at 3 a.m. today, and died shortly afterwards in the General Hospital.

According to statistics recently issued the male inhabitants of St. Petersburg outnumbered the female by 124,000. The total population of the city is now 1,454,704, showing an increase of 230,000, or nearly 19 per cent, as compared with the census of 1900.

Exports of iron and steel from the United Kingdom for the first three months of the current calendar year show a decline compared with the corresponding months of last year of \$7,000,000 in volume and of \$9,195,251 in value.

Department of Attorney-General Is Soon To Be Reorganized

Rumor Picks Corley for Prosecutor and Davis Chief.

Toronto, Aug. 19.—To be Provincial prosecutor, J. Seymour Corley. To be city crown attorney, Eric Armour.

A persistent rumor, which says that Hon. J. J. Foy will entirely recast the department of the attorney-general early in the autumn, mentions the above names in connection with the proposed changes.

Mr. Foy is understood to be perfecting his plans at present, and one of the principal features of the reorganization will be the retaining of Mr. Corley as prosecutor in all cases in which the Province is interested.

Will Go Outside City as Well.

Mr. Corley will go outside the city to represent the crown in the department's cases and will have control of the legal and police departments. Mr. Corley will not only prosecute but organize and direct the prosecution. The salary attached to the new office is said to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000 a year.

Mr. Eric Armour has appeared in the police court in Mr. Corley's absence, and has displayed a liking and an aptitude for prosecuting the crown's cases.

It has been common knowledge for some time that Mr. Corley does not intend to devote his future to his present position, and that his mantle will fall naturally about the shoulders of Mr. Armour.

Davis Has Done Well.

William R. Davis has been in charge of the city's biggest and most important police division for some years, and his name has been mentioned for some time past in connection with a Government position. It is also well known that his state of health is not of the best, and that the arduous duties and responsibilities of his position have militated against a complete and thorough recovery. Inspector Davis is slated to act as chief of the proposed new Provincial force, and his appointment would be a very popular one, as, besides being well liked by those who come in contact with him, he is an exceptionally efficient police officer, and would enter upon his new duties with a wide knowledge and experience of the work.

Corley Admits the Coin.

While Mr. Corley denied that he contemplated the resignation of his position, he tacitly admitted the reorganization of the department, and that he had the refusal of the position of prosecutor. "There isn't enough money in it for me," he laughed, when questioned. Inspector Davis reacted to the matter in any way, but gave the reporter the impression that the proposal was no news to him.

Father Loiselle on a Trip to England

Mr. John Laporte, of Drysdale, Ont., has received the following interesting letter from Rev. Father Loiselle, of Drysdale, who is now in England.

Liverpool, Eng., Aug. 7, 1908.

Dear Friend,—Our party has arrived safely in Liverpool after a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic on the Virginian, of the Allan Line. My two convoyagers, Revs. P. Corcoran, of Seaford, and F. F. Quinn, of La Sallette, and myself, are enjoying the best of health. Before starting we attended the Quebec tercentenary celebration, saw the Prince of Wales and his eleven battleships. We also visited the far-famed shrine of St. Ann de Beaupre and the Montmorency Falls.

At 3 p.m. Friday, July 31, we embarked on our steamer, glad to find relief from the intense heat of Quebec heights, on Saturday afternoon, August 1. We were formally introduced to His Grace the Duke of Norfolk, the premier duke of England, who was returning from the Quebec celebration. The duke chatted freely with us for a considerable time, and tendered us a banquet in his special apartment during our voyage, which, of course, we cordially accepted. The duke is an unpretentious, democratic gentleman, who made himself very popular with all on board.

Before debarking, the duke invited us to visit Arrundel Castle, and he furnished us with letters of introduction to various official dignitaries in continental Europe. We shall leave for Dublin this evening, Aug. 7. After touring Ireland, we shall cross the North Channel for Scotland, spending a few days in Glasgow and Edinburgh. We shall then direct our course to the British capital, visiting on our route the principal manufacturing cities of England.

REV. J. A. LOISELLE.

ANOTHER FLURRY IN THE BALKANS

Rumored That Bosnia and Herzegovina Would Seek Annexation With Austria.

Vienna, Aug. 20.—The rumors which have been current that Bosnia and Herzegovina, together forming an appendage of the Austro-Hungary monarchy, and now being virtually a part of it, although now nominally included in a Turkish Empire, would issue a proclamation of the annexation of the provinces by Austria-Hungary on the occasion of the Emperor Francis Joseph's birthday, caused considerable excitement here, but have proved to be without foundation. The rumors probably arose through the quickened agitation in favor of granting a constitution, which has been noticeable since recent developments in the Turkish question. The future status of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been the subject of ministerial discussion recently, and was touched upon at the meeting of Baron Von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and Sir Charles Hardinge, the British permanent under-secretary of the foreign office, on the occasion of King Edward's visit.

A PRETTY WEDDING

Miss Elizabeth May Stewart Becomes the Bride of Mr. Neil McEwen.

A charming event was celebrated yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. A. and Mrs. Stewart, 266 Oxford street, when Miss Elizabeth May Stewart became the wife of Mr. Neil McEwen, of Phoenix, Arizona.

The bride was assisted by Miss Orpha Guillemont and the groom by Mr. Jack Harvey. Miss Wade, cousin of the bride, played the wedding march.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's father in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the happy couple. Immediately after the wedding feast, Mr. and Mrs. McEwen left on a honeymoon trip, after which they will reside in the south-western States, as the groom is interested in mining in Mexico and real estate in Salt River Valley in Arizona. He is a former resident of Western Ontario.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Aug. 19.—At Liverpool—Southwark, from Montreal; Iberian, from Boston; Central from Boston; Friedland, from Philadelphia.

At New York—Germania, from Marcellus; Konig Albert, from G. M. O. Oceanic, from Southampton; Florida, from Havre.

At Yokohama—Empress of Japan, from Vancouver.

At Boston—Bohemian, from Liverpool.

HAINS TRIED TO SLAY WIFE

She and W. E. Annis Were Driven From Fort Hamilton—Other Tragedies Feared.

New York, Aug. 18.—"The killing of William E. Annis by Capt. Peter C. Hains was expected by every army officer at Fort Hamilton," said one of the commandants today. "The worst of it is that at any time two other tragedies of the same sort may occur, as the result of orgies which have disgusted every decent officer here, and of which one feature was the expulsion of Mrs. Hains and W. E. Annis from the fort last night." "Every officer at Fort Hamilton dreads the inquiry into this case, which involves in revelations what certainly result in wholesale transfers from this post."

Not at the inquest, it is almost certain that at the trial, Lieut. Malcolm P. Ambler is to hold tomorrow night, for the guilty fear exposure, and the decent officers and their wives dread being involved in revelations which certainly result in wholesale transfers from this post.

"We were in Lieut. Ambler's house," said Rowan today, "when we heard Mrs. Hains scream. Rushing into their house we found Capt. Hains with a revolver in his hand, and he was about to shoot. I can't describe the scene, but we overpowered the husband, he yelled, 'Let me go, I'll finish her now!' He told the lieutenant what Hains had done, and swore he would kill Annis on sight."

"That man Annis, who was my friend, I thought," he said, "was wrecked by love. He had confessed to me, I shall tell you, that he had just killed her. I got it at that time."

As the result of that affair, Col. Ludlow wired the war department at Washington, and Capt. Hains was at once transferred to Fort Hancock. Mrs. Hains was driven out of Fort Hamilton, but a sentry was posted to see that Annis did not communicate with her so long as she was there."

The story told by Rowan as to Annis' relations with Mrs. Hains will, it is said, be supplemented by Dr. Henry Houghton, who at the inquest will swear that Annis, with his last gasp, admitted that he held a big army revolver against her head. He would surely have killed her then had not the officers snatched the weapon away."

"Mrs. Hains was screaming, 'My God, Pete, don't shoot! I can't die now! Let me go, and I'll finish her!' I'll finish her now!" He told the lieutenant what Hains had done, and swore he would kill Annis on sight.

GRAIN DEALERS LOOK OVER CROP

Find That Up to Fifty Per Cent of the Wheat Has Been Harvested.

Oak Lake, Aug. 19.—The grain dealers left Regina Monday morning for Prince Albert with ideal weather for both the trip and the maturing of the grain. All crops were found to be most excellent, and the wheat will probably average the whole distance from 22 to 25 per acre. Oats and barley will also yield well. All grain was found to be further advanced than some in other districts visited much further south, but this seems to be a usual thing, at least as far north as Saskatchewan. Between Regina and Saskatoon, well on to 50 per cent of the wheat is now cut, and the remainder is ready to be harvested by the blander. North of Saskatoon it is a little later, but harvesting may be said to be general, with about 20 per cent cut.

Fifty Per Cent Cut.

During the night the party returned to Regina, from which point they left for Brandon at 7 a.m. Tuesday. From Saskatoon to Langdon the crop is a very nice one, indeed, and the wheat will average 20 bushels, with 50 per cent cut, and the remainder is ready to be harvested by the blander. From Langdon to Cupar 30 per cent is cut and harvesting in full swing. The yield between these points will be somewhat lighter, viz., 15 bushels. From Cupar to Stockholm 50 per cent is cut and the yield about 20 bushels. East of Stockholm to Kirkella, the acreage is not large. About 20 per cent of it is cut, and the yield about 15 bushels.

VAIN SEARCH FOR KRUGER'S MILLIONS

Attempt to Find Oom Paul's Sunken Treasure Ends in Failure.

London, Aug. 19.—In April of last year a little steamer—the Alfred Nobel—left the South-West India dock on a quest for sunken treasure. She is now lying in her old berth, having returned with her mission unfulfilled. When Capt. C. A. P. Gardiner took her out of the Thames last April nobody knew her precise destination save the syndicate which had acquired her, and which got to work under the name of the South African Salvage Company. But it was pretty generally understood that in this case salvage meant treasure, and that the Alfred Nobel was going out in search of gold buried beneath the sea.

For this purpose she was certainly the most expert salvage divers in the world. She was provided with all sorts of salvage gear, including suction pumps, compressed air machinery, hydraulic cranes, and submarine lights and submarine telephones, and telephones for divers, and explosive materials of various kinds. She was the very craft, in fact, for recovering lost treasure from the depths of the ocean. But she has returned with her hands empty, and the investigation has been a failure. The Alfred Nobel passed through the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal without scenting a chance of earning her keep, and she has now returned to the southward as Cape Guardafui. Here she tried her "pretence" hand on the hull of a French steamship, the Chodoc, which three years ago ran ashore while bringing home troops from Saigon to Bordeaux. But nothing of any consequence was recovered.

Heading to the southward again the Alfred Nobel proceeded to Zanzibar, where she spent some little time in examining the wreck of the Sultan's yacht, sunk during the bombardment. A diver was sent down, but it was found that nothing could be done with her, and disappointment also attended the investigation of the wreck of the cable steamer "Great Northern," which had the misfortune to strand on a reef off the Zanzibar coast.

No Treasure Found.

By and by the Alfred Nobel steamed away for Delagoa Bay, where it was here that she really entered the region of romance, for whether the impression is correct or not, it has always been supposed that the steamer was fitted out with a view of recovering Kruger's gold, the fabulous fortune which is supposed to have been lost with the wreck of the barque Dorothea.

As might have been expected says the Telegraph, the Alfred Nobel did not fail to visit the battered hull of the Dorothea. It is quite certain that Capt. Gardiner took bearings of its position. According to one account, he managed to get a "sample" of Kruger's gold, and, according to another, no active steps were taken to explore the wreck.

That the Alfred Nobel did not spend much time in the neighborhood of the Dorothea is plain, and the inference that those on board satisfied themselves, despite all rumors to the contrary, that her bones were really not worth picking is supported by the fact that she left the Dorothea.

The Alfred Nobel found her most profitable task. On the hull of the Middleburg, a ship which was lost in South African waters two centuries ago, the Alfred Nobel worked for three months, and her divers brought up, among other things, a quantity of old china, which proved extremely valuable. Certain cups and saucers from the wreck were sent home, and fetched, so it is said, from £3 10s to £4 a piece. Among other things the Alfred Nobel paid some attention to the wreck of the Dunbeth, stranded at Agner Pequena, in German West Africa. It is suggested that she could have been got off, if only the crew

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Gale Ties Up the Lake Ontario Boats

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 20.—A 45-mile gale kicked up a heavy sea on Lake Ontario last night, and practically stopped navigation, only the large steamer Toronto being able to make port. The steamers North King and Gasparian were unable to cross, and had to be left behind.

After the Alfred Nobel was taken to the wreck of the old Aberdeen liner, Themophylis, lost on the coast some years ago, but beyond a couple of bags of silver ore she would appear to have recovered nothing. A subsequent attempt to get coal out of the wreck of the sailing ship America proved disappointing, for the coal was of no use for raising steam.

BELMONT. Belmont, Aug. 19.—The exodus of harvesters from this vicinity for the west includes Messrs. Harr Coventry, Fred Taylor, Arthur Taylor, Henry Roche, Roy Coventry, Christopher Johnson, Elmore Cline and Miss Sarah Wallace. They left on Tuesday via C. P. R.

The Belmont public school opened on Monday with a continuation class of about 40, under Principal McGill, of Galt, whose salary is \$800. Misses McKenzie, Edith and Ethel McGregor compose the staff of teachers.

Miss Louise Charles left on Monday for an extended visit to friends in Windsor.

Mrs. Gilbert and daughter Pearl, of Ingersoll, are renewing acquaintances in and around Belmont.

Miss Hazel Dyer, of London, is visiting the Misses McNicol for a few days.

Miss Minnie Sinclair left for two weeks' vacation on Wednesday.

Miss Irene and Marguerite Soles have returned after spending a month with relatives in Toronto.

Miss Minnie Wark spent a few days last week at the summer school, Port Burwell.

Miss Graham, of London, has been visiting Miss Mary Campbell for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Collie, of London, spent a few days at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John McTavish.

Miss Veda Campbell, of Newmarket, is the guest of her parents here for a few days.

The remains of the late Mrs. Connel were laid to rest on Friday in Kilmore Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. H. Barnby, B.D. The pallbearers were John Smith, Orlando Doan, John McNicol, Donald Campbell, John Holborne and Geo. W. Paul.

Dr. John Walker and Mrs. Walker, of Detroit, are spending a few days at the home of Mrs. John Walker, of this place.

Miss Evelyn Robinson, of Bridgeburg, and Miss Jessie Sandham, of St. Thomas, are transient guests of Miss Minnie Walker.

CANADIAN

Two thousand harvesters will leave Ottawa today for the west.

Hamilton firemen will not go on strike to secure more hours off.

W. A. Phillips fell and broke his neck at Malone, near Belleville.

Cougar's horse show, now in progress, is the best in this history.

O. J. Leblanc, M. P., has been renominated for Kent County, N. B.

The central high court of Ontario Foresters is in session at Meaford.

A severe but distant earthquake was recorded at Ottawa observatory.

Twenty newspaper proprietors and managers met at Brockville Tuesday.

Hamilton's new street railway agreement is to be submitted to the people by a power contract.

For three vacancies on the Merritt public school staff there were 57 applicants.

Ottawa city is going to issue treasury notes in London to renew its \$750,000 loan.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster concluded his tour of Nova Scotia with a meeting at Glace Bay.

A mandamus is now being sought to compel the mayor of Galt to sign the power contract.

Lloydminster has elected a Liberal, and the majority of the Scott Government in Saskatchewan is 14.

Samedo Pano, an Italian, has been committed for trial at Hamilton on a charge of attempted murder.

On a charge of threatening to use a revolver and stiletto, Giovanni Triangillo was arrested at Hamilton.

The story that plans for Halifax defences sent from Ottawa to Halifax were missing is officially denied.

Rev. E. F. Scott, of Prestevick, Scotland, has been appointed professor of church history at Queen's, Kingston.

Mrs. Chas. Syer, wife of a market gardener at Bartonville, left home on Saturday, and has not been seen since.

Howard McPhee, of Orillia, was drowned in the rapids on the Severn River, his boat being swamped while fishing.

The Reid steamer Bruce, ashore off the eastern coast, has been found uninjured, and has arrived at Fort Sydney.

Sydney Johnston, an English farm hand, disappeared mysteriously from the farm of David Brash, Plattsville on July 27.

Montreal financial interests are said to be willing to come to the aid of the Bank of St. Hyacinthe and put it on its feet again.

An inquiry is to be made into the cause of the failure of so many candidates for teachers' certificates at the Kingston Collegiate.

The dead body of an unknown man has been discovered on an island in the centre of the Lachine Rapids, but it cannot be reached.

Chas. Slosbery and Henry Reichis were arraigned in Buffalo on a charge of smuggling five Chinamen from Canada to the United States.

An action to recover \$25,000 from the Ottawa electric railway for damages to his two sons in the Britannia accident, has been launched by R. E. Byrne.

