

Full Text of Earl Derby's Recruiting Report
Survivor's Tale of Sinking of the Liner Persia
Premier Asquith Introduces Conscriptio

IRELAND AND LABOR, PROBLEMS THAT COMPLICATE COMPULSION

It is Said Now That Ireland Will be Excluded From New Bill Presented Today.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Herald this morning publishes the following special cable.

London, Wednesday.—The outstanding features of Lord Derby's report yesterday to Lord Kitchener on the result of the recruiting campaign are that 2,990,814 men out of a total of 5,011,441 available responded to their country's call to the colors.

Out of these 2,990,814 enlisted for immediate service. Thus the grand total of men who have been taken for the army under the new system is 2,240,890 on the face of the returns.

As the purpose of the recruiting campaign was to raise an other million men for the army, the scheme seems to have been a huge success, but Lord Derby pledged the married men, who attested that all the eligible single men would be called to the colors.

After directing attention to the fact that 1,152,947 married men did not respond to the call, and that during the great rush from Friday, December 10, to Monday, December 13, 1,070,478 men attested, Lord Derby says many of these were accepted in and in the end will be rejected.

Reading between the lines of his criticism of the confusion caused by the haphazard starting and badging of men who are employed by the ministry of munitions—a scheme that led to almost hopeless confusion—it is evident that many thousands of men for the front are employed in making guns and ammunition, men who could be replaced effectively by those medically unfit for the trenches.

Anti-conscriptioists believe that this condition of things explains Mr. Lloyd-George's conversion to the ranks of the conscriptioists and the motive of his sensational "too late" speech when he paralyzed the country by the demand for 280,000 more workers in his department.

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SURVIVORS NOW AT ALEXANDRIA

Those Saved From Persia, Bruised and Bandaged, Find a Haven.

SINKING WAS VERY RAPID

Many Had Just Sat Down to Luncheon When the Blow Came.

London, Jan. 4.—(Delayed)—The survivors of the British Steamship Persia, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean last Thursday, reached Alexandria, Egypt, according to an account sent by Reuters' correspondent at that point, all bearing traces of shock and hardship.

The tragedy was enacted so rapidly that the survivors say they hardly realized what happened, consequently they had little to tell. The passengers were sitting quietly at luncheon, everyone in good humor and an atmosphere of gaiety, prevailing. Five minutes later those who escaped were in boats or clinging to wreckage and the luxurious steamer had gone down.

Luncheon had just started when there came a terrific explosion. The liner trembled violently and a moment after listed sharply to port. Only those who left their seats instantly to the dinner saloon had any chance to escape.

It was possible to launch boats on only one side of the ship and only the prompt action by officers and crew enabled them to launch four boats. All the passengers praise the coolness and quickness of the crew.

STORY OF A SURVIVOR
One young woman described her experiences as follows: "I was sitting down at a table when the explosion occurred. I ran at once to my cabin for a life preserver and twice was thrown down by the rocking of the vessel.

MORE SURVIVORS YET
Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 4.—Many of the passengers of the British Steamship Persia, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean last Thursday, believe that in addition to the two boats in which they were saved, the Persia, however, thinks that this is improbable and that if other boats were seen, as some of the passengers declare, they were empty boats which broke loose when the steamer turned over and went to the bottom.

The survivors lost everything they owned, and during the thirty hours they spent in the boats suffered se-

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WHY HAS SPAIN ORDERED \$20,000,000 WORTH OF AMERICAN MUNITIONS?



INFANTRY MARCHING PAST THE ROYAL PALACE, MADRID.



SPANISH RECRUITS TAKING THE OATH.

Is Spain going to plunge into the great war? This is the question which has been asked by military experts who have attached great significance to recent activities among the Spanish forces.

Major Perez Vidal and Captain Mouton. The Winchester companies have received the bulk of the Spanish orders. The Spanish government desires to increase its output of cartridges and shells to 1,000,000 daily, Salas said, and to accomplish this is buying a large quantity of machinery in the United States.

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THE AUSTRALIAN CADETS RECEIVED FINE RECEPTION

Mayor Spence Welcomed Them on Behalf of the City.

THANKS EXPRESSED BY THE VISITORS

Enjoyable Banquet Held in Masonic Hall Afterwards.

The citizens of Brantford gave the Australian Student Cadets a warm and hearty welcome to the city on their arrival last evening. As the train rolled in at 7:30 at the G. T. R. station, the visitors were met by the 12th Brant Battalion with its band, the 84th Battalion brass band, the B. C. I. cadets, the Grace Church Lads Brigade and also a number of Boy Scouts.

The three bands, belonging to the Australian Cadets, 12th and 84th Battalions, in turn played splendid selections. The Cadet band is especially well trained, and marching along in their fine blue uniforms, they were indeed good specimens of the Australian training system.

Speaking from the steps of the entrance, Mayor Spence read an official address of welcome to the city. Mayor Spence read a splendid and long address of welcome to the city, Brantford, he said, had nobly done her part in the present conflict. She had sent seven commanding officers and about 2,000 officers and men in the South African war several brave citizens sacrificed their lives.

Then the commander of the Cadets, Mr. J. Symons, made his reply. He stated his appreciation and that of his cadets for the splendid reception given and the warm welcome extend-

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PREMIER ASQUITH.



Who today introduced a Conscriptio Bill in the House of Commons, the most momentous measure in the history of Britain.

TEXT OF EARL DERBY'S REPORT

London, Jan. 4.—(Delayed)—In his report, which is addressed to Lord Kitchener, secretary for war, the Earl of Derby says: "Many difficulties have been met with, but the chief difficulty has been the unreliability of starting, as distinguished between those who should and those who should not be taken for the army.

Church Must be Re-consecrated
Rome, Jan. 5.—The Basilica in St. Peter's was closed to-day because a young man named Antonio Giovannolo attempted to commit suicide in the sacred edifice.

Italian Receipts Increasing.
Rome, Jan. 4.—The Italian minister of Posts and Telegraphs, reports receipts during the last six months of nearly 102,000,000 lire or 17,500,000 dollars more than during the corresponding period of 1914.

ASQUITH BRINGS IN NEW BILL

London, Jan. 3 p.m.—The bill providing for compulsory military service was introduced in the House of Commons to-day by Premier Asquith.

THREE MILLION OFFERED
Mr. Asquith opened his address with an analysis of the figures in the Derby report. He emphasized the fact that during the Derby campaign nearly 3,000,000 had offered their services. Even deducting those rejected on the ground of physical disability, the total was still in excess of 2,000,000.

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