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EARL KITCHENER ON CONSCRIPTION

Emphasizes Need of Compulsion to Maintain Army at Strength which alone will insure Victory.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The fullest and fairest trial has been given the voluntary system, declared Field Marshal, Secretary of State for war, in the House of Lords to-day. "We are now asking parliament to sanction the change," said Earl Kitchener, "as it has been proved that in the special circumstances of this unprecedented struggle the existing system, without modification is not equal to maintaining the army 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. Compulsion 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 I stated the broad principles of the military steps 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 but 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 time further we had to produce for the army, had created guns, ammunition and the military material required to maintain its fighting values. This scheme had developed under the aegis of voluntary military service existing in the country and this system was given the results far greater than most of us dared to hope and certainly beyond our enemy's predictions. 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. The skeleton organization of the large army we now possess having been formed, it is necessary to keep it up to the strength in the field by a constant supply of reserves.

SMASHING BLOW AT THE "NEW" LIBERALISM

First District of King's Shows its Detestation of the Campaign of Slander. Mr. Harry D. McLean Returned by Record Majority.

Liberals Depressed and Chagrined. The First District of King's Gives its Decisive Answer to the Challenge of the "New" Liberalism by Returning Mr. Harry D. McLean with the Record Majority of 216 Over the Most Popular Candidate the Liberals Could Place in the Field. Some of the Reasons why the Electors of First King's Rallied to the Government's Support.

The Conservative candidate, Mr. Harry D. McLean, was returned by a majority of 216 for the First District of Kings yesterday. This is the record majority for the District. Senator John McLean polled the previous highest majority last election when he totalled 204 more than his opponent. This may be considered the reply of the First District to the unwarranted attacks made by the new Liberal Leader and his satellites on the Government. Souris district reflects the opinion of the whole province in loathing the "new" Liberalism with which Mr. J. H. Bell has inaugurated his leadership. There were ten polling stations, and in every one except St. Margarets Mr. McLean had a majority; in St. Margarets he was just one behind. The polling closed at five o'clock and the counting commenced immediately. The work was most expeditiously carried through and by half-past six the figures were received in Souris and immediately reported to Charlottetown by telephone. Naturally, the result was received with great rejoicing. Mr. McLean did not count upon equalling his father's record, and at his first meeting in Souris as candidate he expressed the opinion that half what his father received would be satisfactory. But, as the Guardian stated yesterday, Mr. McLean is popular, candid and a straight fighter, and the electors rallied to his support in a manner that surprised even his friends. The reason was obvious. The electors like a keen fight, but it must be a clean fight, and this the Liberals did not put up. The candidate the Liberals selected to carry their banner was the strongest and

RUSSIANS OCCUPY MORE TERRITORY

In Battle Raging Several Days Russians have Steadily Advanced. Austrian Lines Ready to Break.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 5.—While the battle on the borders of Bessarabia is apparently still far from decision, each day finds the Russians claiming occupation of additional enemy positions, and Petrograd believes if this process continues a little longer a break somewhere in the lines of the Central Powers must come. The whole energy of the Russian army is being directed towards making a gap between the German armies in the centre and the southern Austrian forces, and the desperate Austrian attacks in the region of Kolkaire are designed to prevent this. Fighting must continue for a considerable time, but upon the result will depend, in large measure, the strategy of both sides when spring comes. Other fronts continue in a state of comparative quiet. For England the attitude labour men will take regarding conscription at the great conference to be held in London to-morrow is a matter of anxiety. Robert Williams, leader of the Transport Workers Federation, declared to-night, "It is practically assured that the conference will affirm the rejection of coercion in any form."

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO REQUISITION MORE SHIPS

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Government is taking stringent measures to see that the prevailing shortage in ships shall not interfere with the shipment of food and other necessities to ports in the United Kingdom. Vessels are being requisitioned right and left for the shipment of wheat from the Americas, and in shipping circles, it is reported that the Admiralty intends to call in the British ships that are now trading between foreign ports. The latter measure is expected to particularly affect British ships trading between South America and the United States. Shippers here predict that such action would have a disastrous effect on this trade. Formal notice is following by letter.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 5.—The British official statement issued to-night reads: "On the western portion of our front artillery on both sides has been more active than usual. Early this morning a hostile attack made on one of our advanced positions near Harcourt was driven off by rifle fire. A number of our aeroplanes carried out a successful bombing raid against the enemy's aerodrome at Douai. A German aeroplane to-day flew over Boulogne and dropped a few bombs. No damage done."

ITALIAN TROOPS WILL NOT INVADE GREECE

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 6.—An Athens despatch to the Times says Italy has promised Greece that her forces shall not advance beyond the frontier of Northern Epirus.

Heavy Fighting On Russian Front

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 3.—The latest despatches from the southern extremity of the Russian front indicates that heavy fighting is continuing, with the Russian army of General Ivanoff gaining ground. Our correspondent reports that these operations began with an offensive move on the part of the Austrians, designed to straighten their line, and that after repulsing this attack expected from General Ivanoff. It is evident the Russian advances are now extended a considerable distance beyond the Stripa River. In other despatches it is asserted that two great offensive actions clashed, the Russians having advanced as a threat against the Teutons in their Balkan operations, while the Austrians and Germans felt the necessity of improving their positions against the attack expected from General Ivanoff early in the spring. Whatever may be the facts of the case there is no doubt the result of these operations will have an important effect upon the Balkan campaign, especially in their influence on the future plans of Roumania.

Japanese Ships To Protect Suez

TOKIO, Jan. 4.—Announcement is made by the Jiji Shimbun that a squadron of Japanese warships will sail for the Suez Canal, presumably to protect Japanese shipping. It is said the armored cruisers Kasuga, Tokiwa and Chitose have been assigned for this service. The reported decision of the Japanese Government to send a squadron to the Suez Canal follows the sinking of two Japanese steamers in the Mediterranean. The passenger steamer Yasaka Maru was torpedoed off Port Said on December 22. The freighter Kenkouki was sunk by a submarine on December 29. Those on board the vessels were rescued. The owner of the Japanese freighter Kenkouki Maru has been advised that the vessel was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on December 29. The members of the crew were landed at Cannes, France. The Kenkouki Maru was under charter by a foreigner. She was loaded with hemp at Manila and sailed for Italy and England. The Kenkouki Maru was a steamer of 2,109 tons. She sailed from Manila November 6.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS SUNK GERMAN SUBS

AMSTERDAM, January, 3.—Russian warships have sunk two German submarines off the Bulgarian Black sea port of Yarna, according to reports reaching here to-day.

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THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

(Special to the Guardian.) TORONTO, Jan. 6.—Maritime: Strong winds or gales from south-west and west, mild and partly fair; some local showers, colder at night, warmer on Friday. THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was mild with snow in the morning. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 22 degrees above zero; at nine last night 35 degrees above. The coldest the previous night was 14 deg. above zero. The tide will be high this morning at 11.55 and tomorrow at 12.43; it will be high tonight at 11.11 and tomorrow at 12. The sun sets this afternoon at 4.32 and tomorrow at 4.33; it rises tomorrow morning and Saturday at 7.41. The moon rises this morning at 9.15. There was a new moon on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, at 12.45 a. m. The first quarter of the moon will be on Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 11.38 p. m. The length of today will be eight hours and fifty-seven minutes. Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Votes. Priest Pond 41, Souris East 67, Souris River 41, Red Point 45, North Lake 43, St. Margarets 33, Hd. Rollo Bay 86, Rollo Bay Chapel 71, Souris Line Road 43, Bothwell 56.

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Votes. McLean 528, McDonald 312. Majority for John McLean, 204, Sept. 1915. Majority for H. D. McLean, 216, Jan. 1916.

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HUN CONSULS WERE TAKEN FROM SALONIKI ON BATTLESHIPS

Constantine's Views. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle states in a despatch that the King of Greece told him that he could not understand what Entente Allies were supposed to be gaining by remaining at Saloniki. The correspondent quotes King Constantine as follows: "I could understand their presence so long as there was a possibility of aiding Serbia, but now that the object of the mission has failed, why remain? No useful military purpose is now to be served. It is fairly obvious that if the Anglo-French withdrew and sought fresh and more profitable fields of operations, the armies of the Central Powers would withdraw. Also the situation would solve itself." The King adds, says the correspondent, that he did not expect an offensive by either sides and that, therefore a Balkan stalemate might reasonably be expected. At Saloniki. ROME, Jan. 4.—The report that the King of Serbia is at Saloniki has been received with interest here by Serbian refugees. They believed that he was already in Italy.

BERLIN DENIES KAISER'S ILLNESS

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Jan. 6.—All direct advices from Berlin have characterized the illness of the German Emperor as slight, and only reports intimating his condition anywhere serious have come from Paris, Rome, Copenhagen and similar places. None of these have given definite sources of information.

May Indict Huerta For Violation Of U. S. Neutrality

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 4.—Investigation of an alleged plot to re-constitute Victoriano Huerta to power in Mexico was begun by a federal grand jury here to-day. United States District Attorney Camp asks that General Huerta, former president of Mexico, and nine other men already arrested be indicted on a charge of violating United States neutrality laws. Gen. Huerta, who is in custody of federal authorities at El Paso, is seriously ill. EL PASO, Jan. 4.—The condition of General Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, who underwent an operation late Saturday for gall stones, remains critical to-day, according to his physicians. A bulletin issued just before noon to-day by Dr. M. P. Schuster said: "Pulse and temperature normal. Condition still serious."

MORE BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Times learns that the Peninsular and Oriental liner Geelong, 5,030 tons, has been sunk in the Mediterranean. All on board were saved.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The British steamer St. Oswald has been sunk. The St. Oswald was in the service of the British Government and presumably was sunk in the Mediterranean. Her movements had not been reported since October 3, on which date she arrived at Mudros Island, from Alexandria.

JUDGE RECOMMENDS WOOLLEN MILLS WHERE PRISONERS MAY WORK

WINNIPEG, Jan. 4.—Mr Justice Curran, reporting for the Government on the provincial prison system, recommends a prison farm, reformatory system; the establishment for the prisoners of a woollen mill, broom factory, tailor shop, etc., the products to be for the use of public institutions and the utilization of prison labour largely in the erection of provincial buildings. Pending carrying out of these recommendations Judge Curran recommends that instruction in language and morals to long-term prisoners of foreign nationality and the adoption of some other system for dealing with immoral women, the present jail system having proven ineffective.

Conserving Supply Of Rubber In The Empire

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 4.—The British Government is still carefully conserving the supply of rubber in the Empire because of its use for war purposes. The Canadian High Commissioner in London has written the minister of trade and commerce regarding the export of carpet sweepers, typewriters, clothes wringers and other articles containing a certain proportion of rubber, from Canada to neutral countries. It is stated that there has been no modification in respect of carpet sweeper and typewriters of the prohibition in force in the United Kingdom relating to rubber goods. His Majesty's Government has waived, in respect to carpet sweepers and typewriters, the condition laid down in the form of a guarantee signed by manufacturers in the United States who are allowed to receive rubber from the British Empire and which binds them not to execute orders for rubber goods from neutral countries in Europe except from stocks in the United Kingdom or by shipment to the United Kingdom and transshipment therefrom under license obtained in the United Kingdom.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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