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RESIGNATIONS FROM THE BRITISH CABINET

Three Members Leave Cabinet in Protest Against Conscription. Labor Congress Reports Against Bill.

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 6.—Arthur Henderson, President of the Board of Education and leader of the labor party in the House of Commons; William Bruce, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Home Affairs, and George H. Roberts, Lord Commissioner of the Treasury and also one of the Labor Party leaders have resigned from the cabinet.

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Labor Congress to-day went on record against the bill introduced in the House of Commons yesterday for compulsory military service, recommending that members of the Labor Party in parliament oppose the bill at all stages by a vote of 1,998,000 against 783,000, the

labor congress decided to support a demand for the withdrawal of the compulsory service bill from parliament. Ramsay MacDonald, labor member in the House of Commons opposed everything in the nature of support for the compulsory service bill. President Bellamy of the Railway Men's Union, in moving the passage of an amendment recommending that labor members in Parliament oppose the compulsory bill, said he believed that what was aimed at was to put a chain around the neck of the working class of the country which would prevent them from exercising their rights as free men. Putting such a bill on the Statute of the books, he said would ultimately arouse such a passion that even the King's Government might not be able to stand against it.

GERMANY'S EXPORT TRADE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY DESTROYED

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Germany's export trade has been substantially destroyed, says a Foreign Office white paper presented in Parliament to-day outlining the policy adopted to enforce the blockade of Germany. The paper adds: "German imports have also been greatly reduced, such important

staples as cotton, wool and rubber being excluded (and other like fats, oils and dairy products being obtainable in Germany only at famine prices), while advances reaching His Majesty's Government show discontent among the population, and food riots in some of the larger towns."

ANNUAL MEETING BIBLE SOCIETY

Held Last Night in Zion Church in Connection with Week of Prayer Services. Satisfactory Reports. Executive Re-elected

The 77th annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in Zion Church last evening, a large number being present, this being the 4th evening of the Week of Prayer in the city.

After prayer and the reading of the Scriptures the Rev. Mr. Taylor handed over the meeting to the president of the local branch of the Bible Society, Mr. W. S. Louson.

In a few words the president thanked the members of the Bible Society and the thirty-three branches throughout the province for their noble support during the year 1915, a year in which so many demands were made for so many worthy purposes. During the year 1914 it was thought that the different branches had done wonderfully well in collecting \$1,786.91. The year 1915, however, stands as the banner year, the collections from all branches being \$1,977.48. Never in the history of the Bible Society has better service been rendered than during the past year. The Bible in whole or in part was published in nine new languages, over ten million Scriptures were circulated throughout the world in 487 tongues, over three million copies of the New Testament were presented free to soldiers in the trenches, in the hospitals and to prisoners of war. To our Canadian boys who have gone to the front, 120,000 copies were given. (The president showing the audience one of these small Testaments.)

Principal J. D. Seaman and Mr. A. W. Stearns, the energetic secretary and treasurer of the Society, then read their reports.

Principal J. D. Seaman spent the month of August visiting the branches between Charlottetown and Souris, with good results. No colporteur was employed in Prince Edward Island during the past twelve months. The District Maritime Secretary, Rev. H. R. Boyer, made three visits to the province during the past year. He visited a number of the branches, stirring up much interest in the work.

After the unanimous re-election of all the Executive of last year, the Rev. R. G. Fulton, of the First Methodist Church, gave a most interesting address on the Bible. He stated in part that the Bible ought to be placed in every manly man and every womanly woman, that he was impressed in his younger days by the advancement of poor boys to offices of great prominence in the land by those who had made it a point of studying God's Word. He believed the cause of the Bible was destined to succeed, because the world needs the Bible and because God is the Author of it.

The choir of Zion Church sang a voluntary and the selection of hymns were well chosen for the occasion. The collection amounted to \$25, which

ARCHANGEL CROWDED WITH SHIPS WITH SUPPLIES FOR CZAR'S ARMY

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Passengers arriving to-day on the Russian Kursk said that when they left Archangel the harbour was filled with steamers discharging large cargoes, consisting chiefly of supplies for the Russian army. Various kinds of freight was piled on the docks, but there was every indication that it was being moved inland systematically and rapidly.

The American Red Cross in Russia, according to other passengers, is in need of supplies and equipment, in addition to the financial aid given by Americans living in Petrograd and Moscow.

Luther K. Zabriskie, American vice-consul at Moscow, was among the arrivals. Ten students, sent by the Russian government to inspect supplies being manufactured in this country for the Russian army, and three convalescent Russian officers were also among the first cabin passengers.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 4.—In the York Circuit Court, this afternoon Stephen B. Taylor pleaded guilty to the charge of defamatory libel on Hon. J. D. Hazen and Judge McKeown, imposed a penalty of a year's imprisonment and a fine of \$100, which was allowed to stand upon counsel for prisoner promising that the offence would not be repeated.

SALUTARY LESSON FOR SCANDAL MONGER POLITICIANS

After the signing of that familiar hymn, "Tell me the old, old story," the Rev. Mr. Taylor closed a very interesting and helpful service with prayer.

Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism

was \$8 in excess of the last annual meeting. The notice was then read out of the last service in the Week of Prayer, to be held in St. James Presbyterian Church, commencing at 7.30, Friday evening. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Bennett, and the subject "Nations and Their Rulers." These union services have been exceedingly well attended during the past week throughout the city churches.

After the singing of that familiar hymn, "Tell me the old, old story," the Rev. Mr. Taylor closed a very interesting and helpful service with prayer.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

RUSSIANS STEADILY ADDING TO OCCUPIED TERRITORY

Plans of Germans with Reference to Saloniki and Egypt Completely Changed by Russian Successes. British Warships Appear Suddenly in East Central African Lake heretofore Dominated by Germans.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The area of Russian successes over Austro-Hungarian forces in the East continues to widen. Although the situation around Czeronowitz has not yet been cleared up officially it appears, from advices from Russian sources, that the Austrians are being pressed over a long line of defence, and are throwing huge reinforcements into the district. The Russians here are expected to strike at the Kolomea-Stanislaus-Halicz line, where powerful defensive works have been in preparation for some time by Austro-Germans. Meanwhile the Russian position 250 miles further north, in the middle of the Stry River, has been greatly strengthened by successful operations in the region of the great marshes, where the Russians are beginning to emerge from the marshes with prospects of being able to use the roads leading either north-west, west or south-west. Their advance here has not been the result of

isolated battles, but of a series of engagements lasting over a considerable period.

In the capitals of the Entente Allies the opinion is expressed that the Russian offensive has completely upset the plans of the Central Powers for an invasion of Saloniki and Egypt.

In connection with yesterday's announcement of the defeat of a German war vessel on Lake Tanganyika, in East Central Africa, half-a-mile above sea level, it is announced that the British ships which accomplished the surrender of the German vessel were especially constructed in England and transported to the heart of Africa. Until the arrival of these vessels the Germans dominated Lake Tanganyika, which is the centre of a large and important territory. The presence of British armed vessels on the lake completely reverse the situation there. This is considered here as most opportune, in view of the forthcoming campaign in East Africa.

Interest in the fate of the Serbian refugee army was shown by a question asked in the House of Commons to-day "whether a considerable part of the Serbian army is in distress at Scutari. After having suffered great privations in the retreat through the mountains and whether His Majesty's Government will offer in Serbian army more suitable locality in the Mediterranean area, where the men may rest and recuperate."

In reply, Lord Robert Cecil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and there was a considerable body of the Serbian army at Scutari where at first the men had been in great distress, but situation, he added, had now been largely relieved. The Entente Allies the Secretary said, had considered the matter raised in the latter part of the question but he was unwilling to make any announcement concerning it. Telegrams from Athens say that the number of Serbian refugees in Greek territory are now 40,000 of whom 6,000 are at Saloniki.

FORD PARTY MAY PASS THROUGH GERMANY

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 5.—The German government has granted the Ford peace expedition permission to travel to The Hague through Germany by special train. The party will leave Copenhagen next Friday.

Dr. Mitchell will be sealed, everyone being locked in. No one will be permitted to touch German soil. The members of the mission will not be permitted to carry any papers, cameras, post cards, opera glasses or gold coin. Most of the baggage will be shipped back to the United States from Copenhagen.

The expedition will disband at The Hague on January 12, most of the members returning home from Rotterdam for that day.

INTERESTING DECISION REGARDING PAYMENT OF ACCIDENT POLICY

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—A judgement given by Mr. Justice Middleton today in favour of Dr. W. F. Mitchell against the Fidelity and Casualty Company, means that the doctor will have received from the company more than a quarter of a million dollars—\$257,400—if he lives to be seventy and is disabled throughout that time. The judgement finds the doctor entitled to \$1,950 quarterly.

Dr. Mitchell was an eye, nose and throat specialist practicing in Valparaiso, Indiana, and making it is said \$12,000 a year. He was insured in February, 1913, paying four years in advance.

In May of that year he fell from the steps of his house, and as a result received injuries which permanently injured his left wrist so that it is useless. The company paid him \$13,500 and then stopped payment. The suit entered by the doctor was for arrears from March to May last.

Mr. Justice Middleton, holds that there is no foundation for the suggestion, which in his opinion, ought never to have been made that the doctor was irritating his wrist and fraudulently preventing recovery from the injury.

Austrians Held For High Treason

BERLIN, Jan. 6. (Via London).—Private information has been received here from Vienna to the effect that Dr. Karl Kramarz, who is prominent in Austrian political affairs as the leader of the young Czech party in the Reichsrath, is now on trial on a charge of high treason. Dr. Kramarz, Secretary of the young Czech faction, and several other Bohemian politicians are being tried at the same time on similar charges.

It is reported that Dr. Kramarz is conducting his own defense, managing it with great skill. He came into international prominence some time ago through the movement for a rapprochement between Bohemians and Russians, and participated in several Slav congresses engineered by Count Bobrinsky, now vice-president of the Russian Duma, and other active partisans. Dr. Kramarz repeatedly visited Petrograd in this connection, and was physically fit and of military age must join the colors or lose their positions. Returned soldiers, he intimated, are to be given the preference in the matter of government positions.

PRESIDENT WILSON PROMISES ACTION WHEN FACTS KNOWN

Some Officials Favor Action to Forestall Other Allies When United States has Finished With Austria.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—There was no lessening of the tension in the new submarine crisis to-day with President Wilson's return to the White House to take personal charge of the situation, but there were marked indications of the President's intention to proceed carefully and deliberately before committing the United States to the next step in its already strained relations with the Teutonic powers.

At the State Department the hope was expressed that there would be opportunity to settle the crisis amicably and it was stated that the American Government believed that Austria's assurances in the last Ancona note were given in good faith.

Two points, it was emphasized, must be cleared up before the next move is made. It must be established whether the British liner Persia actually was torpedoed, and if so, what was the nationality of the submarine.

President Wilson's first act on his return was to issue a statement through Secretary Tumulty, promising the country action just as soon as the full facts in the Persia disaster can be learned.

"The President and Secretary of State are taking every means possible to obtain the full facts in this grave matter and will act as soon as the information is obtained," said the official information issued at the White House offices.

The President's second step was to direct Secretary of State Lansing to gather more information from the Persia survivors. The Secretary ordered the consuls at Alexandria, Malta and Cairo to obtain affidavits and at once cable summaries of their contents. Until that information is received, or Ambassador Penfield reports some result from his inquiry to the Austrian Government, the situation, so far as can be seen to-night, will be at standstill.

Meanwhile, however, there is discussion of what steps the United States may take to make clear to the Central Power belligerents and allies the extent to which it expects to hold them responsible for submarine operations, in violation of international law, if they are conducted by Germany, Austria, Turkey or Bulgaria.

Austria's plea that she knew nothing official about the outcome of the controversy with Germany is recalled by one set of officials, who favour taking action which might forestall similar plea by the other allies when the United States has finished with Austria. Something definite along that line probably will be developed soon.

CIVIL SERVANTS TO ENLIST OR LEAVE

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 5.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor has intimated that all unmarried men in the Canadian civil service, who are physically fit and of military age must join the colors or lose their positions. Returned soldiers, he intimated, are to be given the preference in the matter of government positions.

POSTMASTER SAMUEL SUCCEEDS SIR JOHN SIMON

(Special to the Guardian.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A despatch from London to the News Agency says Postmaster General Herbert Samuel, Liberal, will succeed Sir John Simon, as Home Secretary, the latter expected to-day. Sir John Simon resigned because of anti-conscription views.

SEPARATE BATTALIONS FOR THE FUTURE

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—Sir Sam Hughes stated today that no great difficulty was anticipated in raising Canada's quota of men for overseas service to the half million mark.

"What I especially desire is strong men with successful professional or business training," said the minister of militia, "to join the ranks and perfect their military training."

Training schools will be established all over the country and the practice of sending over drafts to reinforce battalions will be discontinued. In order to preserve identity all will go as separate battalions.

Congratulations on the premier's announcement have been pouring in from all over Canada. They include patriotic messages from the Winnipeg Clearing House Rev. Dr. Chown, superintendent of the Methodist church; Colonel H. H. McLean, Liberal member for Queens-Sunbury, and the Manitoba Boy Scouts Association.

\$1,000,000 ANNUALLY FROM CANADIAN CANTEENS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 6.—It is stated that an amount exceeding \$1,000,000 annually will probably be realized from the Canadian canteens in English camps, which are to be taken over by the Canadian military authorities a few weeks hence. The War Office has worked out the scheme which was worked out by Lieut.-Col. McCrae at the request of the Minister of Militia.

Under civilian management of the canteens the managers drew thirty per cent, leaving ten per cent to the regiments concerned. In addition to this the Canadian Government will reimburse the working expenses, labour and transportation, while they will also be exempt from inland revenue taxes on beer and tobacco. Canadian tobacco and other products will be retailed at about the home prices. This scheme will not be extended to the camps in France.

TWO ARRESTS AT CARAQUET

MONCTON, Jan. 5.—According to passengers who came down from the North Shore this afternoon, two men have been arrested at Caracquet, charged with setting fire to the Sacred Heart College, which was burned there a few days ago.

One of the men, it is said, was seen coming out of the barn connected with the College shortly before the fire broke out. He and another were placed under arrest. The matter is being further investigated.

CONSCRIPTION BILL PASSED FIRST READING

Total Number Ready to Bear Arms Obtained Between October 23 and December 15, is 1,046,493.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Conscription Bill passed its first reading in the House of Commons by a vote of 403 to 105.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Premier Asquith this afternoon introduced in the Commons the Government's bill for conscription. In offering the bill, the Prime Minister declared that the Government does not plan to draft into service at this time all men of military age.

"The results of the Derby campaign show that the case for general conscription has not been proven," he said.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The operation of the Government's recruiting plan was handicapped and delayed by the impossibility of obtaining a sufficient number of medical examiners and experienced clerks, says Lord Derby, in a reply answering criticism of inadequate arrangement during the abnormal flow of recruiting at the eleventh hour. Hence while gross numbers are available up to the end of the period, December 11th, details of groups are forthcoming only up to November 20, before the tremendous rush began.

In the latter days of the canvass, says Lord Derby, especially in country districts, the starred lists proved unsatisfactory and recruits were incor-

rectly described. These will call for further investigation. Lord Derby declares the canvass shows that it is not lack of courage which keeps men from enlisting. Many who are willing to go find themselves barred by domestic, financial and business obligations and by the inadequacy of the separation allowances. This applies especially to professional and commercial men.

The total number of men ready to bear arms obtained from enlistments for the period between October 23 and December 15 is estimated, in Lord Derby's report, at 1,046,493. After deductions from the total number of attested men of the various classes in responsible for civil occupations, the numbers available for military service are 343,386 single and 487,676 married men. Adding those who enlisted for immediate service, it gives a total ready to bear arms of 446,386 single and 600,107 married.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Earl of Derby's report shows that the total number of military age in England, Scotland and Wales, who were not enlisted when the canvass began, were: Single men, 2,179,231, and married men, 2,832,210—a total of 5,011,441. The total of attested, enlisted and rejected men having been 2,832,232, and the available men, aggregating 5,011,441, shows that there are 2,179,209 men who did not offer their services.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE FOR MASTERY OF THE ADRIATIC IS NOW RAGING

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A News Agency despatch from Rome to-day says: A desperate and most important struggle for mastery of the Adriatic is now raging near the Austrian, naval base of Cattaro, between the Austrian, Austrian naval and land forces and Montenegro.

The Austrians are making a determined attempt to capture Mount Lowcen, the Gibraltar of the Adriatic. Its retention by the Montenegro threatens the Austrian hold on Cattaro.

Since the beginning of the war, Austria has made Cattaro harbour a naval base for operations in the Adriatic, the Aegean and the Mediterranean. Cattaro is absolutely impregnable from Mount Lowcen, where the Montenegrins a year ago installed heavy artillery.

For six days the Austrians have been attempting to drive the Montenegrins from this position. While Austrian troops are backing on the slopes from Ruskovogore, Gheral and other points, the Austrian warships in Cattaro harbour are fiercely bombarding the Montenegrin positions.

If the Montenegrins can hold Mount Lowcen, they plan later, with the assistance of the Allies, to drive the Austrians from Cattaro. Until the Austrians are driven from this base they will continue to dispute supremacy in the Adriatic with the Allied squadrons.

TWO MILITARY DIVISIONS FOR MARITIME PROVINCES

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—At a banquet to Brigadier-General Logie and his staff, given by the Toronto National Exhibition Board, ex-Mayor Joseph Oliver, presiding, General Sir Sam Hughes, a guest of honour, announced that Canada proposed to raise her quota of troops necessary to bring her war contribution to half a million men, as offered by Sir Robert Borden in his New Year message by securing twenty-one additional divisions apportioned as follows:—

Toronto district, five divisions; Eastern Ontario, two divisions; Western Ontario, two divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, three divisions; Alberta, two divisions; British Columbia, two divisions; Quebec, three and possibly four divisions; Maritime Provinces, two divisions.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

(Special to the Guardian.)
TORONTO, Jan. 7.—Meritime: West and north-west winds, fair and decidedly cold.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was clear, turning colder at night. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 41 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 41 degrees above zero; at nine last night 21 degrees above. The coldest the previous night was 33 deg. above zero.

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