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CONSCRIPTION BILL NOW IN PARLIAMENT

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BRITISH HOLD POSITIONS WON IN YESTERDAY'S ATTACK

BATTERIES OF GUNS CAPTURED WITH COMPLETE STOCKS OF SHELLS—BRITISH GUNS BROUGHT DOWN THREE GERMAN AEROPLANES—VERY SEVERE FIGHTING IN PROGRESS

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, June 9.—The night passed quietly on the new British front in Belgium. All the gains made on the front of nine miles and to a depth of five hundred yards were held despite the efforts of the enemy to regain their lost ground. The losses suffered by the Germans in their counter attacks, which were made repeatedly, were terrible. Over six thousand prisoners have already been counted passing through the collecting stations on their way to the rear. No estimate of the number of guns captured has yet been made known, but several of the German batteries were taken practically intact, with great stocks of shells.

More Air Attacks
The British are continuing the aerial attacks over Belgium and have put three German aeroplanes out of commission near Dixmude. Prisoners taken say that scores of German guns were destroyed by the British bombardment.

Counter Attacks.
Three counter attacks were delivered by the Germans last night in great force, and were broken up with great losses. Vast numbers of German troops are being rushed forward by Hindenburg in an effort to stem the British advance, which has swept over the heights dominating the Lille plain, and threatens to sweep the Teutons from the industrial section of northern France.

Berlin Official.
Berlin, June 9.—Our forces have withdrawn from a salient projecting westward, to prepared positions between the canal bend north of Hallexent, and Daub stations. This is the salient the British reached yesterday. The British put three German aeroplanes out of action near Dixmude.

French Official.
Paris, June 9.—Heavy fighting is in progress to the south of St. Quentin. A strong attack was made by the Germans in strength between St. Quentin and La Fere.

Italian Front.
Rome, June 9.—A semi-official statement has been issued which states that the Italians now face two-thirds of the entire Austrian army as a result of the withdrawal from the Russian front.

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A PLEASANT EVENING IN ST. ANDREW'S ROOMS

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Andrew's Society was held last evening, and was got through quickly. Two new members were elected and after the routine business had been got through the piano was opened and the members settled down to enjoy a social hour or two. Several guests were present, among whom were Dr. McNeill, Mr. Boulton, and Mr. Fred. Stork. The president, Mr. S. D. Macdonald, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and in the course of the evening called for a few words from each. Dr. McNeill, freshly returned from France, and Mr. Boulton, from a civilian point of view, made some very interesting remarks on the war, while Mr. Stork, in a happy vein, gave some of his recollections of the ancient city of Pompeii.

A splendid programme had been arranged, in which Mr. J. H. McMillan, Mr. Thos. McMeekin, and Mr. W. Vaughan Davies gave orchestral selections, "Doc" Clapperton, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Morris, Mr. F. Moore, Mr. Gauld, and Mr. Dowther rendered vocal numbers with much success, while readings were given by Mr. H. Atkings, Dave Thomson and Mr. Robb. The evening's entertainment came to a close in the wee sma' hours, and, as is usual with the St. Andrew's boys, it was a very happy one.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Winston Churchill accepts the chairmanship of the British Air Board.

Hundreds of American Navy Aviators have arrived safely in France.

Canadian recruiting offices have been opened at St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Senator William Owens is dead. Thirteen Finlanders in Seattle who refused to register have been taken to jail.

Amsterdam, June 9.—The Haytian Charge d'Affaires at Berlin has been handed his passports.

Detroit, June 9.—Henry Ford ordered the discharge of all employees between the ages of 21 and 31, who could not show their registration cards.

New York, June 9.—J. P. Morgan & Co. subscribed fifty millions to the liberty loan. Drexel Co., Philadelphia, subscribed ten millions.

Steamer Southland from Liverpool to Philadelphia, has been sunk by a German submarine.

RUSH TO ENLIST IN UNITED STATES

(Special to The Daily News.)
New York, June 9.—The British in the city have made a rush to enlist. The New York recruiting office was swamped during the first day for enrollment. Foreigners in the United States will be given a chance to fight for King and country. Brigadier General White has been forced to call on Ottawa for more help to undertake the recruiting. Jack Binns, the famous wireless operator, was among those present.



A NEW PICTURE OF MRS LLOYD GEORGE

The wife of Britain's new Dictator is here shown selling a lamp to an Anzac soldier. The lamp device sold was in honor of Florence Nightingale, and the funds raised were for the London unit of the Scottish Women's Hospital.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE IN SAN SALVADOR

(Special to The Daily News.)
San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, June 9.—San Salvador, the capital of the republic of Salvador, with a population of more than sixty thousand has been destroyed. The town of Santa Tecla has also been overwhelmed. Only one hundred houses are left in both places. Complete details of the manner in which the destruction of the cities were accomplished has not been received, but it is undoubtedly the result of an earthquake, or a volcanic eruption.

WILL LECTURE ON "ALL THE WORLD AT WAR"

On Monday, a lecture will be given in the Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Ladies Aid. The subject will be "All the World at War" and the lecturer is Mr. Boulton, who arrived in Prince Rupert lately from Great Britain. Mr. Boulton is the father of Mrs. R. A. Stalker, and is a journalist of some distinction, being attached to the London Chronicle in England. In the course of his profession, Mr. Boulton has been in close touch with many of the great events arising out of and in the course of the war, and has an intimate knowledge of things as they exist in Great Britain. He came in contact with the members of all the colonial governments on their recent visit to the London War Council, and his lecture will be one of exceeding interest. The lecture will be in aid of patriotic purposes, and the proceeds are to be given to the Daughters of the Empire to purchase field comforts for the boys at the front.

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GENERAL PERSHING ARRIVES IN ENGLAND

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, June 9.—Major-General Pershing and staff have arrived safely in England and proceeded to London. The ship carrying the party was escorted under the protection of American destroyers. The whole party received a hearty welcome, and expect in a short time to be doing their part on the western front.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION IN SASKATCHEWAN

Regina, June 8.—Writs have been issued dissolving the third Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly. The nominations will take place on June 19, with polling one week later.

In Cumberland and Ilela Crosse, the two-northern seats, polling is deferred, as they are also in three overseas' soldiers' seats. Both parties are lined up for the short and sharp campaign which is to follow. The Liberals have candidates already in the field for all seats excepting where the elections are deferred, while the Conservatives have their men named in all but three constituencies. In addition there are five non-partisan league candidates, a Labor candidate in Saskatoon, and also two or three independent candidates in the field. D. J. Sykes, Swift Current, is a non-partisan Liberal and Conservative candidate.

Premier Martin has issued a manifesto to the electors.

SUN AND TIDE Sunday, June 10th.

Sun rises 3:52 a. m.
Sun sets 9:24 p. m.
High water 4:29 a. m. Ht. 19.7
Low water 10:51 a. m. Ht. 3.6
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THE LATEST ROYAL COMMISSION'S TASK

The findings of Mr. Justice Galt, commissioner investigating the circumstances attending the construction of the Manitoba Agricultural College, in his report finds that the Crown has established fraudulent overcharges amounting to \$302,789.28. The findings of Mr. Justice Galt were such that the Premier has appointed a Royal Commission to investigate the matter further.

In this second report on the subject, which is a lengthy document, Mr. Justice Galt says:—

"I find that shortly after the site for the new agricultural college was acquired a fraudulent conspiracy was entered into by the Hon. Robert Rogers and Thos. Kelly, senior member of the firm of Thomas Kelly & Sons, contractors.

"The objects of this conspiracy were, among other things:

"(a) to provide money for the Conservative campaign fund for use at both Dominion and provincial election from Thomas Kelly & Sons and others, who had been contractors for the various buildings comprising the new college.

"(b) to provide Thomas Kelly with funds, out of the provincial treasury over, and above what he might legitimately earn. Fraudulent overpayments to the extent of \$302,789.28 were shown to have been made by the former Provincial Government to Thomas Kelly & Sons, but it appeared that on or about August, 1915, all the books and documents of the firm were destroyed by Maurice Kelly, son of Thomas Kelly, although not a member of the firm, and so no evidence was available to ascertain what disposition had been made by Thomas Kelly or the Kelly firm of the said overpayments."

Lax in Department.

Commissioner Galt reports that "the means adopted by Messrs. Rogers and Kelly to carry out their said conspiracy," were:

"First, an atmosphere of laxity was to be created by the Hon. Robert Rogers in his department of public works and such instructions were to be given to Victor W. Horwood, the acting provincial architect as would insure acquiescence by him and by the various government inspectors and the officials of the department including the architect's office, in the progress estimates of the contractors, without checking up or verifying the propriety of such estimates.

"Second, contracts for 'extras' were to be lavishly granted to main contractors subject to no competition by others.

"Third, as soon as the various contractors realized the favorable treatment they were receiving, emissaries from the Conservative committee or other organizations were to wait upon them and collect correspondingly favorable contributions to the Conservative campaign fund."

Parties Conspiring.

The commissioner proceeds: "I find that during the period in 1911 when the Hon. Robert Rogers was minister of public works, the following persons became principals in the conspiracy aforesaid:

"The Hon. Robert Rogers, Thos. Kelly and his sons in the firm; Roy Worthington, estimator for Thomas Kelly & Sons, and Victor W. Horwood, and that the agents employed by them to assist in carrying out this conspiracy were the various government inspectors in charge of the works, the various deputies in the department of public works, including the architect's office and C. Sprague, collector for the fund."

THE CONSCRIPTION BILL IS NOW READY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, June 9.—The provisions of the conscription bill have now been made public. There will be no registration. Every man between the ages of 20 and 45 is presumed to be eligible. There will be boards to consider exemptions. Those who do not report to such bodies will be presumed to be ready to serve and subject to be gathered in. The exemption boards will not be appointed by the Government, but by outside authorities. Wide powers will be given for the exemption of those whose services are deemed essential to the state at home.

FEARS THAT RUSSIAN EMPIRE HAS COLLAPSED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, June 9.—It is feared here that the Russian Empire has collapsed for good. An appeal to the citizens of America is made to take the war game seriously. The United States Military plans are laid for three more years of war. The proper distribution of the burden of the war gets attention in the capital.

Fired.
Goethals today dismissed two heads of departments, who originated the idea of wooden ships. They were dismissed on account of their charging Goethals with the holding up of the ship building programme.

REVOLT IN BOHEMIA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Prague, June 9.—The opening session of the Austrian Parliament has been accompanied by revolutionary disturbances in many towns in Moravia and Bohemia. The police are powerless and in some cases the troops sided with the people.

Copenhagen, June 9.—The revolt at the present moment in Bohemia is considered to be most fortunate for the Allies in relation to the Russian situation, as it will expose to the Russian pacifists the true state of affairs in the Central Empires.

The commissioner finds "that during the year 1911 the requisite atmosphere of laxity was created among the government inspectors and the officials of the department of public works and among the various contractors." He finds "that after the Hon. Robert Rogers was transferred to Ottawa in or about October, 1911, the objects of the conspiracy and the means for carrying them out were continued under the regime of his successors," and adds that "it is almost impossible to believe that they were not aware of the frauds which were being committed."

NOTICE

A lecture will be given in the Presbyterian Church on Monday, June 11, at 8 p. m. by Mr. Boulton. The subject will be "All the World at War." Proceeds for patriotic purposes. Admission 25c.

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