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ALIENS MAY NOT VOTE AT COMING ELECTION

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GERMAN AIRMEN DROP BOMBS ON U. S. HOSPITALS

American Hospitals Situated on French Coast are Attacked From Air, Killing One, Three Wounded.

(Special to The Daily News.) London, Sept. 8.—The Germans yesterday made an aerial attack on the American hospitals, occupied by the St. Louis and Harvard contingents, situated in a village on the coast of France. The officer in the American Army Medical Corps was killed and three others were severely wounded.

French Hospitals Also.

Paris, Sept. 8.—The military hospitals at Vandellian Court in the region of Verdun was again bombarded by the German aviators, inflicting casualties to the number of nineteen killed and twenty-six wounded.

British Front.

London, Sept. 8.—Hostile raids were successfully repulsed in the vicinity of Armentieres and near Lens. The enemy artillery was exceptionally violent during the night in the neighborhood of Lens and the Ypres-Menin road.

French Front.

Paris, Sept. 8.—Violent artillery fighting occurred last night on the Champagne and Verdun fronts. A surprise attack by the enemy on the Aisne front was repulsed. In the region of Souain and on both banks of the Meuse, the enemy artillery was particularly excited, and severe duels continued the night long.

FIFTY THOUSAND TO BE DISENFRANCHISED

(Special to The Daily News.) Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Fifty thousand or more foreigners will be disenfranchised by the War Time Election Measure now before the House of Commons. The Aliens in Canada number 752,732. In Saskatchewan, one fourth of the residents are aliens. In British Columbia, the proportion is 6.62 per cent.

CHINAMAN CONVICTED FOR SUPPLYING

Mah Jean, a Chinaman, was brought to town yesterday by Constable Birchell from Port Essington. He was charged there before Justices Large and Taylor, with supplying liquor to Indians. The charge was found proven and he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the Okhalla Prison Farm, near New Westminster.

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PETROGRAD IS PREPARING FOR HUNS TO ATTACK

Capital City is Calm, But is Ready for Combat—Germans Have Completed a Sixth of Their Journey.

(Special to The Daily News.) Petrograd, Sept. 8.—Petrograd is calm, but is preparing to combat any possible Hun attack. Streams of troops are passing through the capital city on their way to the front. The Germans are said to have completed a sixth of their journey to Petrograd. The enemy warships are reported to be only a hundred miles away from the capital. Germany can concentrate a big fleet for a blow on the city, although it is not considered that the German fleet could make its way past the protecting fortresses of Rival and Kronstadt.

On Riga Front.

The Russian vanguards at Zegoveld to the east of Riga have stopped the German advance. Around Friedrichstadt to the south of Riga, the retiring Russians are setting fire to the villages, and burning the crops, so that the Germans will have nothing to capture. Before the Germans occupied the Baltic city, the Russian gunboats and torpedo boats convoyed all the steamships and the floating defences out of the port.

ANDY HEPBURN IS IN SHORNCLIFFE HOSPITAL

Word has been received in town from Andy Hepburn who used to be mechanic in the fire hall. Andy had the bad luck to contract rheumatic fever, and while in the hospital there, was under the charge of Dr. Wall, late of the Prince Rupert General Hospital. However, he is getting better and hopes to be out and around again soon.

Andy left here with the second contingent, and has been promoted to be corporal. He has been with the transport, where his knowledge of automobiles stood him in good stead.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

"The Dummy" is the title of the comedy-drama to be shown at the Westholme Opera House tonight. There are various kinds of dummies. We have read about a tailor's dummy, and then there is the dummy at bridge. There is another dummy also as well as the kind that can't speak. The "Dummy," however, in this play is not even a real dummy. It is the tale of a boy who pretends. He only pretends he cannot speak, nor hear either. And Jack Pickford in this play has created a part that is "different," and that will appeal to boys and girls of all ages. This photoplay is full of laughs and thrills, with a tear or two thrown in for good measure.

Mr. H. F. Gorman, who has been accountant and purchasing agent for the Rocher de Boule mine for several years, arrived in the city last night from Hazelton on his way to Helena, where he will make his future home. Mr. Gorman left for the south this morning. He made many friends in the Hazelton district who will be sorry to lose him. His successor at the mine is Mr. O'Shea, late of the Sunnyside Cannery, and Hazelton.



Viscount Ishii With His charming Wife and Daughter. This is an unusual photo of Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese Mission, which recently arrived in the United States. The Viscount is in uniform in the centre of the group. At his right is his charming wife and on his left is his daughter.

SIR WILFRID'S MEMBERS OF BOARD OF SELECTION

(Special to The Daily News.) Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Acting on the fundamental principle of respect for the law once passed, Sir Wilfrid Laurier accepted the invitation of the Prime Minister to name half of the Board of Selection to be established by a joint resolution of the Senate and of the House of Commons, and to be entrusted with the duty of appointing the local tribunals throughout Canada, under the provisions of the Military Service Bill.

Sir Wilfrid yesterday handed to Sir George Foster, in the absence of Sir Robert Borden, a list of the twelve men he has named for appointment to this Board of Selection. They are as follows: For Ontario—Sir J. M. Gibson, of Hamilton; ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and Mr. A. B. Lowe of Ottawa, representative of the International Brotherhood of the Maintenance of Way employees. For Quebec—the Hon. S. N. Parent, Montreal, ex-Premier of Quebec, and the Hon. Sidney Knowlton, ex-Minister of Agriculture. For Nova Scotia—D. A. Cameron, Barrister, Sydney. New Brunswick—John J. McCaffery, Fredericton. Manitoba—Sir Donald McMillan, Winnipeg, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. Saskatchewan—Arthur Hitchcock, Moosejaw. Alberta—F. H. Clark, K.C., Calgary. British Columbia—Hon. Dr. J. H. King, Victoria, Minister of Public Works. Yukon—F. C. Wade, K.C., Vancouver. Prince Edward Island—James J. Johnson, K. C., Charlottetown.

AMERICAN WAR PLAN

(Special to The Daily News.) Washington, Sept. 8.—Two million men in active service and training camps by June 30th, is the plan of the War Department.

Miss Barbeau will have her Fall and Winter Millinery opening on Monday and Tuesday, the 10th and 14th September. All ladies are invited to inspect her well selected stock of the latest models in millinery.

EX-CZAR NOW LIVES IN APARTMENT HOUSE

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—Nicholas Romanoff, the former Emperor of Russia, and his family now are living in a fourteen-room apartment on the second floor of a large old-fashioned house at Tobolsk, Siberia, according to reports just reaching Petrograd. Nicholas and the former Empress each have a room, two rooms have been put aside for the four daughters and one for Alexis, the former heir-apparent. The other rooms, except the dining room, kitchen, reading room and so forth, are occupied by servants. The house is without a garden and the only way of getting fresh air is from a small balcony.

The new home of the Romanoffs was not ready when they arrived and they were compelled to spend two days aboard the small steamer on which they had traveled the last 50 miles down the Tobol River. The former Empress and her daughter Olga rode to the house, but the other members of the family walked.

The day of their arrival was a holiday and few persons saw the newcomers except a small crowd which had assembled to watch a priest conduct the usual ceremony of blessing the house for its new tenants. The guards of the former Royal Family are mainly cavaliers of the Order of St. George and fusiliers, and the family is virtually under the same mode of life as at Tsarskoe-Selo.

Nicholas has asked permission to engage tutors for the children. The mother herself will attend to the religious instruction of the younger ones. It cost the Government 40,000 rubles to move the family to Tobolsk.

Mr. Ben Self returned from Anxox this morning, where he was successful in arranging for the attendance of the Anxox base ball and basketball teams to the Prince Rupert Fair. Managers Williams and Campbell will also attend the races with their speed boats.

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THE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY SERVICE

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—Although nine amendments were proposed and rejected the Conscription Bill slipped through the Senate smoothly enough. The newly appointed C.O.D. Senators were on the job and voted briskly.

One amendment was accepted which shows the way the wind blows. It was a Government amendment and was introduced by Sir James Loughheed who is the Government leader in the Upper House. Briefly, the amendment was that no prosecution could be had under the Act—that is under the Military Service Act—unless it was first consented to by the Minister of Justice for Canada.

This means that the provincial authorities cannot discipline refractory persons under the Military Service Act, but that all cases must be referred to the powers at Ottawa. That is to say if twenty thousand or thirty thousand or one hundred thousand persons selectively conscripted choose to declare that they will not serve, nobody can proceed against them until the Minister of Justice for Canada gives permission. The Minister of Justice is going to be a busy man under the Military Service Act, because the work will pile up on him and naturally there will be great delay in getting on with the prosecutions. In many cases the war will be over before the Minister of Justice gets cleared away.

Critics of the Government say that this amendment proves the Government has no intention of enforcing the Act drastically either in Quebec or anywhere else. On the contrary there is every reason to believe that the Government is backing away from the consequences and that the Military Service Act is to be used merely as a stuffed club. It will look fierce enough but it will always bend in the middle as the blow descends. In other words the Military Service Act is intended to hurt nobody but the Laurier end of the Liberal Opposition. It is a party manoeuvre pure and simple and the reinforcements it brings are intended for the Borden Government.

Staunch friends of conscription on both sides of politics deplore this lack of sincerity on the part of the Borden Government although they had suspected as much from the dilatory apparatus with which the Act is provided—the elaborate machinery of the exemption tribunals for example. If the exemption tribunals perform in the same spirit as the Loughheed amendment they will be thrones of mercy rather than seats of justice.

Meanwhile the Military Service Act has every outward aspect of sternness. It has more than that. It has a gag clause for the Press which vies with anything the greatest despot in history could conceive. Russia under the Czars never had a harsher press censorship than this one of Arthur Meighen's can be if the Borden Government so chooses. It is as deep as a well and as wide as a church door and it will swallow naughtily editors like flies. This gag clause is such that if a newspaper opens its mouth to criticise the Government or the operation of the Military Service Act ever so remotely the newspaper may be suspended and the editor thrown into jail from two to five years. Some Senators breathed a fear that the gag clause was wide enough to include campaign speeches and prevent Members of Parliament from repeating on the stump the truth they were privileged to say.

THE ITALIANS ARE PRESSING ATTACKS HOME

Despite Desperate Resistance, the Italian Attacks Continue—Enemy Suffers Very Heavy Losses.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, Sept. 8.—The Italian pressure against the Austrians in the region northeast of Gorizia is now becoming decisive. The enemy has suffered extremely heavy losses for several days in his desperate resistance. Heavy fighting is continuing for the possession of Monte San Gabrielle, and other important positions. Despite the heavy losses suffered, the Austrians are battling fiercely. On the Carso, and in the region of Hermada, the Austrians have stopped their unsuccessful attacks, but the artillery on both sides rages incessantly, making the whole region an inferno. The Italians have captured thirty thousand prisoners. The total losses of the Austrians are estimated at one hundred and twenty thousand of all ranks.

PREMIER IS CONFIDENT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Birkenhead, Sept. 8.—"The German submarines will never be able to defeat Great Britain," declared Premier Lloyd George in a speech here today. He expressed great confidence that Britain will be able to maintain her supremacy on the seas, no matter what Germany may attempt.

FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, Sept. 8.—The resignation of the Ribot Ministry was decided upon unanimously after a cabinet meeting held this morning. President Poincaré asked the Premier and his Ministers to withhold their resignations until the President, Senate and Chamber of Deputies returned to Paris to discuss the situation.

The French Government is asking a war credit of 11,200,000,000 francs.

THE CRADLE

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