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Voluntary Enlistment or Conscription . .

As it was in the third year of the First Great War, Canada is today on the point of choosing between a continuation of the policy of voluntary enlistment for overseas military service or the adoption of a form of conscription. Due to the slowness, more particularly in recent months, of eligible young men to come forward and offer their services to reinforce the ranks of the fine Canadians who, without coercion, have already staked! themselves for the greatest adventure in defence of their country and its democratic principles, Canada may soon be forced to throw overboard the policy of allowing men; to choose of their own free will to choose how and where they will serve in the army and replace it with the draft system whereby men, are called up by classes and sent to such services at the authorities, without consideration by personal wishes of the men themselves, consider they are most needed or best adapted under conditions which may prevail at the moment.

Sincere efforts are being made by the government, committed as it is like the opposition to the policy of voluntary enlistment rather than conscription, to make a go of the voluntary system. One of the latest moves was to call into the various military headquarters across the country representative civilian citizens to hear about the army's need of men what the army has to offer those who enlist voluntarily today—and it has something to offer-and to send these men back to their home communities to disseminate this information and do what, they can to encourage recruiting in the army. The first of such conferences were held in Victoria last week, the second followed soon after in Calgary and more will be held in succession across the Dominion. The Prince Rupert delegates were impressed with all they had seen and heard and, while possibly feeling that compulsory selective service will be the only ultimate and effective answer in reaching those who are required, have undertaken the task of doing what they can, without appearing to be too presumptuous in the matter, "to sell the! army." Their line of action will soon be made known.

The principal talking points are the need for men, the inducements which the army has to offer, particularly as compared with what it had a quarter of a century ago for the brave young men who fought the battles! then, and the fact that there is still a chance for volunteers to make some choice in the matter instead of being put where they are told as is done with draftees.

It is because the men of Canada are failing to rise to the country's need in the hour of danger and crisis! that the voluntary system of enlistment may have to be thrown overboard. Few at heart want to see that done. The men who advocate conscription most strongly in many cases are those who abhor it the most and would most like to see voluntary enlistment meet the situation. However, there is a growing feeling that it will not work and that conscription would be the fairer to all concern-

While civilian committees, even if they may feel it a waste of time and effort, will do what they can in a conscientious and earnest way, the answer as to whether it is to be voluntary enlistment or conscription will come from the men who are themselves involved. Conscription can, in the ultimate, be obviated only by the action of the men who would themselves be conscripted.

HOME ON ONE WING

LIKED THEM MEDIAEVAL

LONDON, Nov. 12: (P-An R. A. SOUTHWELL, Eng., Nov. 12: (P) F. pilot brought his Hurricane - Wilfred Randolph, who died home safely from France although here, left \$4,500 to a local Cathone wing was partly blown away, olic church building fund on conthe gasoline tank punctured and dition the church "is designed on the plane riddled with 200 bullet English mediaeval lines and free from any modernist elements."



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Remembrance Day At Borden Street School Observed

was carried out at Borden Street er by the school, led by Miss Lil-

partment of Education. The pupils by the school.

program. "O Canada," by the school. "The Lord's Prayer" (in unison).

"Land of Our Birth" (chorus). Recitation, "I Vow to Thee, My "In Flanders Fields" and then Country," Monica Holtby. Remembrance Day observance Special Remembrance Day pray-

were assembled in the music room Address by Principal J. S. Wil- of remembrance, the poppy.

Duty to the Country." This was followed by "The Sil-

ence" after which the pupils sang he national anthem.

The room was appropriately deburated for the occasion with at his home in Wimborne, Dorset, fighting a duel with muske's from motiff done by the pupils of the He was 78.

senior grades based on the flower

brance Day Observance and our well, Rose Marie Hartwig and Del- serving in the army, may be orra Hankinson.

ONE TIME SAM PEPYS

LONDON, Nov. 12: (P-Sir James Brooks, former Director of Navy The first air battle was fought Victualling at the Admiralty died in 1808 with two Frenchmen

GIVE IRISH A CHANCE LONDON, Nov. 12: (P)-An Irish and took part in the following son on "Our Part in the Remem- Accompanists were Miss Halli- brigade, formed from Irishmen

ganized soon, Dune n Sondys, Financial Secretary to the War Office, Jold the House of Commons

FIRST AERIAL BATTLE ascending balloons.



Canada must have more than flags and phrases to check the mad dog of Europe.

Britain must have more than cheers and words.

She must have tanks, ships, guns, planes and shells. Not next year!

Not next month-but NOW!

Should defeat step over our threshold it would be too late.

For Canada's sake-for your own sake stop talking. Begin to do something.

All You Have Is Not Too Much To Give.

We are faced with the greatest army, the bloodiest gang of bandits the world has ever known.

We would be fools to think that cheers will check a Panzer drive - that patriotism is enough.

BRITAIN NEEDS YOUR DOLLARS, your dollars hammered into irresistible weapons of war.

These are the only things the foam flecked Nazi dog can understand.

Are you so dead to danger that your country must plead with you-must entreat you to save yourselves?

Hasn't the fate of Belgium and Norway, of France and Denmark awakened you to your peril.

Get your dollars out.

Get them busy, NOW.

Buy More War Savings Certificates.

Honour your pledges.

The help of every Canadian is needed for Victory. In these days of war the thoughtless, selfish spender is a traitor to our war effort. A reduction in personal spending is now a vital necessity to relieve the pressure for goods, to enable more and more labour and materials to be diverted to winning the war. The all-out effort, which Canada must make, demands this self-denial of each of us. Invest in War Savings Certificates the dollars you don't need to spend. After Victory, they come back to you with interest. Spend less now so that you can spend more then, when labour and materials will be available for the things you need. There is no price too high for freedom.

SUPPORT WEAPONS DRIVE YOUR COMMUNITY

SPEND LESS-TO BUY MORE

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